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Trappist Dies Martyr's Death At Hands Of Reds

Fr. Albert L'Heureux, Canadian Missioner, Tortured In China

Quebec, Dec. 1 — (NC) — The Rev. Albert L'Heureux, Canadian Trappist, died a martyr's death at the hands of Chinese Communists, according to information received from the Very Rev. Georges Marin, S.J., superior of the Chabanel House at Peking, China. Father L'Heureux was a former Jesuit. Father Marin writes as an old friend of Father L'Heureux:

"The Trappists had a monastery at Yangkianuing in the mountains northwest of Peking. Last July the Reds had put the priests and brothers on trial in keeping with their traditional system. The monastery had been burned down and the monks had been taken into captivity. Horribly treated, they had been forced to make a long march, carrying heavy baggage tied with their hands bound.

"As a result of this treatment a dozen of the priests and brothers especially the older men, died. Among them was Father Alphonse, the former Father Albert L'Heureux, who had previously been a member of the Jesuits in Canada. Father Marin recalled that he had seen Father L'Heureux, who was an old friend, in Peking a year ago.

"One of the young Trappists who had been liberated and who showed that he too had suffered greatly at the hands of the Reds, told Father Marin of Father L'Heureux' death.

"'He had his hands bound with wire,' the young priest said, with steel wire, which never was taken off. This wire had eaten into his flesh. He suffered greatly. His wounds resembled an open mouth. To eat he had to bury his nose into the place like a beast of burden. No one was allowed to help him or to come near him.

"The night before his death a Communist permitted one of the brothers to go and see him. The latter profited by the occasion to give absolution to Father L'Heureux. The latter made a sign in the deaf mute language of the Trappists that he would die the following day, Saturday, September 13, day of the Blessed Virgin. And he did. He seemed to radiate joy at the thought of going to his heavenly home. One of the communists said he had never seen a man die so happily and so peacefully. He resembled, said the communist, Him Who was on the cross in the monastery.

"'The young Trappist told me,' Father Marin reports, 'that Father L'Heureux had been a source of edification to all in his spirit of work, his profound piety and his perfect observance of the rule of silence. He died on Saturday, September 13.'"

Pope Pius Names Two Archbishops

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3—His Holiness Pope Pius XII has named two Archbishops to fill vacant sees in the United States, the National Catholic Welfare Conference has announced today.

The Most Rev. Francis P. Keough of Providence, R. I., becomes the Archbishop of Baltimore, Md., and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick A. O'Boyle, of New York, Archbishop of Washington, D. C.

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Request Pastors Report

Father Edward Sweigart, director of the campaign for food for the needy in Europe and the Far East, requests that pastors and heads of institutions send their reports to him as soon as possible. Father's headquarters are at 302 Central Bldg., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Prayers Requested

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mr. John Bodinger Sr., father of the Rev. Mathias J. Bodinger, St. Michael's Parish, Plymouth. Mr. Bodinger died on Nov. 26 and was buried from St. Anthony's Chapel, Gary, on Dec. 1.

Bishop's Appointments

December 6—Twenty-third anniversary of the death of Bishop Herman J. Alerding;

December 7—Mass for the United St. Vincent de Paul Conferences, St. Vincent Villa;

December 8—Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Legion Of Decency

Be sure to read about the Legion of Decency under "Right or Wrong," this issue.

Immaculate Conception Triduum

Out of your love for Mary and as a preparation for Christmas, attend the services in your parish church during the Triduum to Mary Immaculate on December 6, 7, and 8.

Mission Sunday Collection

All Saints, Hammond $405.25

THE BISHOP'S CHAT

My dear Flock:

Most Catholic Action work in our diocese is done by women, but, happy as we are to see them working zealously in many communities, we would not want the men to entertain the notion that Catholic Action is not intended for them.

It was a body of men whom Pope Pius XII addressed in St. Peter's Square, on September 8, and whom he urged to busy themselves in the field of Catholic Action. He told them that "the time for reflection and planning is past; now is the time for action. Are you ready?"

Then the Pope indicated three particular matters with which every Catholic father and husband, as well as the unmarried men, might well concern themselves and he lists them as follows:

1. *Religious culture.* Deep and solid knowledge of the Catholic faith, of its truths, mysteries and divine force . . . ignorance must be grappled with, extirpated and conquered. . .

Beloved sons, it rests with you to help the Church in this work. Nourish yourselves, above all, in mind and in heart with the substantial bread of the Catholic Faith which is offered to you in the complete living teaching of the Church. . .

2. *The sanctifying of Sunday.* Sunday must become again the day of the Lord, the day of adoration, of glorification of God, of the Holy Sacrifice, of prayer, of rest, of recollection and reflection; the day of happy reunion in the intimate circle of the family. Sad experience has taught that, for not a few even of those who devote themselves to honest work during the week, Sunday has become the day of sin and profane pleasure. . .

Here a vast field of activity awaits you. Go forth courageously to the work and help to give Sunday back to God.

3. *The saving of the Christian family.* . . Preserve what has always been our proud boast and strength — the Christian mother and the Christian hearth. . .

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Radio Program To Answer Church Critics

South Bend — An answer to the third of the series of Nation articles against the Catholic Church will be heard Sunday, December 7, on the Catholic News and Views program over Station WHOT, 1490 on your dial.

This is the last in the series of three programs that answered the Nation attacks. The program this week will deal with Catholic education and statistics on the aid given to the public school system in South Bend by Catholic's support of both the public and parochial systems will be cited.

The Catholic personality of the week will be the late Archbishop Ryan. The program is presented each week by the South Bend Knights of Columbus in cooperation with the Department of Public Information at the University of Notre Dame.

New Letter Of Pope Pius Treats Again Of Church's Teachings On The Liturgy

Encyclical Entitled 'Mediator Dei' Amplifies Holy Father's Writings In 'Mystici Corporis' Of 1943

Vatican City, Nov. 29—(NC)—The Encyclical "Mediator Dei," which was published today, can be called a liturgical Encyclical, because it deals exclusively with Divine worship, enumerates variances that have been artifically created in recent years, clarifies issues, explains differences and solves questions of sacred liturgy, both in the theoretical and practical domain, which have been subjects of discussion in the recent past.

The Encyclical forms, as t were, the second chapter of a work begun in 1943 with the Encyclical "Mystici Corporis," which treated of the internal life and the dogmatic foundation of the Church. The new Encyclical propounds the true doctrine regarding liturgical prescriptions and inculcates their exact observance.

"Mediator Dei" may be called the Encyclical on the avoidance of exaggeration in the Mystical Body. Although addressed to the whole Church, it speaks almost exclusively of the Latin liturgy where in recent years a movement at once scientific and practical has produced no little fruit. However, this movement has not always been kept within proper limits and has caused varied reactions particularly among those opposed to any liturgical innovation.

This state of affairs has obviously been dangerous to charity and unity within the Church. For this reason, the new Encyclical aims at arousing the idolent and those who are fearful of any sort of progress. At the same time, it seeks to restrain the imprudent.

Among questions of a practical nature that are particularly developed in this Encyclical are modern music, the use of the Missal by the faithful, means of inducing the faithful to participate in the Mass, the use of Latin, liturgical colors and statues, and the establishment of diocesan commissions to secure the proper observance of liturgical rules.

The main body of the Encyclical is divided into four parts as follows:

(1) The nature, origin and development of the liturgy:

(2) Worship of the Blessed Eucharist, nature of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, participation of the faithful in the Mass, Holy Communion and adoration of the Sacrament. The chapters of this section also present an exhaustive exposition of dogmatic proofs.

(3) The Divine Office and the liturgical year, the cycle of feasts showing the presence in the liturgy of the mysteries of Redemption.

(4) A pastoral exhortation to meditation, examination of conscience, retreats, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, novenas, observance of months honoring the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Encyclical makes it clear that it is unnecessary to subject these latter devotions to the rigorous discipline of liturgical rules, but that they should nevertheless be imbued with the liturgical spirit.

In this connection, the Encyclical repeats the remarks in "Mystici Corporis" concerning confession. It recommends in a special manner the Exercises of St. Ignatius, which have proved wonderfully efficacious in renewal of the spirit. The Holy Father proceeds insistently to urge the clergy and the faithful to the apostolate of the liturgy with respect to proper maintenance of churches, Gregorian Chant, wider use of congregational singing, instruction of seminarians and laity in the liturgy, and the placing of architecture, sculpture and music are the service of piety and devotion.

The Encyclical indicates that vigilance is necessary to prevent infiltration of present widespread errors; namely, false mysticism, exaggerated archeologism in liturgy, quietism and naturalism.

Former Jacobite To Open Church Unity Octave

Will Use Aramaic, Language Of Our Lord, In Celebrating Mass

Washington, Dec. 1.—(NC)—Archbishop Mar Ivanios of Trivandrum, India who has led 58,000 members of the dissident Jacobite rite back into the Catholic Church, will open this year's traditional Church Unity Octave in its national observance at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception here, it has been announced. The Octave begins on January 18.

Archbishop Ivanios will celebrate the Divine Liturgy (the Mass, to Latin Rite Catholics) according to the Syro-Malankara Rite. In doing so he will use the same language, Aramaic, spoken by Our Lord when He was on earth. The sermon at this opening ceremony will be delivered in English by Msgr. Thomas J. McMahon, national secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, an authority on the Oriental Catholics.

Others who will take part in the Washington observance of the unity octave are Msgr. Edward Hawks, a former Anglican, who will speak on the conversion of Anglicans to the Church, and the Rev. John Oesterreicher, a convert from Judaism, who will give an address on the union with Catholicism of the Jews.

The Church Unity Octave is planned again to be observed universally. His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, will celebrate Mass in Vatican City on January 18 for its intention. The movement was founded in 1908 by the Very Rev. Paul James Francis of the Society of the Atonement, while he was still a member of the Anglican Church. Shortly afterwards the entire Society of the Atonement entered the Catholic Church. The eight-day period in January was chosen for the observance because it extends from the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

Cardinal Spellman Names Two Chancellors For N. Y. Archdiocese

New York, Nov. 29.—(NC)—Msgr. Edward R. Gaffney, chancellor of the Archdiocese of New York, has been named pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman to succeed the late Msgr. Robert F. Keegan, who died on November 4.

Msgr. Walter P. Kellenberg, secretary to Cardinal Spellman, and the Very Rev. John J. Maguire, vice chancellor, have been named as chancellors of the archdiocese.

Monsignor Gaffney will also become a member of the archdiocesan board of consultors by appointment of the Cardinal.

Diamond Jubilee Noted At St. Peter Parish, Ft. Wayne

Bishop Noll Offers Pontifical Mass; Congratulates People

Fort Wayne—Observance on Sunday of the diamond jubilee of St. Peter's parish, of which the V. Rev. Msgr. John A. Bapst is pastor, was one of the most notable commemorations of its kind in the history of the congregation. The Most Rev. John Francis Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, honored the occasion by celebrating the Solemn Pontifical Mass at 11 a. m. also extending congratulations to the parish clergy and people, and paying a tribute to the former pastors and parishioners, in a message after the Mass. Several of the assisting priests were sons of the parish or former assistants. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Aichinger, rector, St. Joseph's church, Logansport, a former assistant here at St. Peter's and later St. Paul's, gave the jubilee sermon. Eight monsignors, five local and three visiting, and approximately 60 priests assisted at the solemnities. St. Peter's, the largest church in the city, was filled to capacity, a large number of parishioners receiving Holy Communion at the Pontifical Mass.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Dapp, rector of the Cathedral, was archpriest at the Mass, assisting officers including: the Rev. Curt A. Suelzer, of Mishawaka; the Rev. Herbert Renner, South Bend; the Rev. Alfred Junk, Hammond, the Rev. Henry Suelzer, S.J., Chicago; all sons of the parish; the Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Feltes, diocesan Chancellor, and a former assistant, the Rev. Thomas L. Durkin who is organizing the new Sacred Heart parish here. Seminarians from Sacred Heart Minor seminary, city, filled minor offices of the Mass. Several Crosier Fathers of the Seminary staff attended.

Fathers Zahn and Armbruster, assistants, served as Masters of Ceremonies.

Rossini's Votive Mass in honor of the Most Holy Trinity, was effectively rendered by a combined choir of 20 men and 34 boys with an added accompaniment of a string ensemble. Prof. Roch E. Magan, organist and choirmaster directed. Msgr. Aichinger selected his text from Psalm LXV, emphasizing the idea of the Church in the observance of jubilees. He recalled that they were not new in St. Peter's parish, which has celebrated its 25th., 50th., and on Sunday its 75th anniversary; the silver jubilee of the present pastor, and recently the Centenary of the school Sisters of Notre Dame. He gave a survey of the history of the parish beginning 75 years ago when Fr. John Wemhoff was appointed to minister to the people.

Bishop Noll in his congraulatory message stressed the fine pastoral care given by one pastor after another. He asked a prayerful remembrance of the pioneer priests and people of the parish, and contrasted conditions of an earlier day with those of today, when the faithful have access to everything that is inspiring.

Headed by the color guard in full regalia, members of Anthony Wayne general assembly, Fourth degree Knights of Columbus, served as a guard of honor.

Following the Mass a finely appointed dinner for the prelates and priests was served in the school auditorium. Msgr. Bapst presided as toastmaster at the speakers' table, Bishop Noll and a former assistant, Msgr. Vurpillat gave principal talks.

Father Jos. Martis Addresses Men At NCCM Holy Hour

Gary—The National Council of Catholic men held their monthly holy hour at St. Casimer's Church 15th Ave. and Lincoln St. on Sunday, Nov. 16. Over one hundred men attended this service. Father Joseph Martis gave a very fine instructive talk.

The next holy hour will be held at St. Hedwig's Church 18th Ave. and Connecticut St., December 18. Another fine turn out is expected.

Prelates At Diamond Jubilee Dinner

Fort Wayne—Dignitaries seated at the speakers' table at St. Peter's parish diamond jubilee dinner, served Sunday noon in the school auditorium, Fort Wayne, included the Pontifical Mass celebrant, the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne in the foreground; conversing with the V. Rev. Msgr. John A. Bapst, standing. Also shown are the Rt. Rev. Michael J. Aichinger, left, rector, St. Joseph's church, Logansport, who gave the jubilee sermon, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Dapp, right, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Msgr. Bapst was toastmaster at the dinner at which Bishop Noll and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Vurpillat, pastor, St. Mary's church, Michigan City, were the principal speakers.—Courtesy Journal Gazette-Staff Photo.

The Bishop's Chat

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Bishop, which was also the silver jubilee of the apparition of Mary to the children at Fatima, Portugal. It reads as follows:

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Refuge of the human race, Victress in all God's battles, we humbly prostrate ourselves before thy throne, confident that we shall receive mercy, grace and bountiful assistance and protection in the present calamity, not through our own inadequate merits, but solely through the great goodness of thy Maternal Heart.

To thee, to thy Immaculate Heart, in this, humanity's tragic hour, we consign and consecrate ourselves, in union not only with the Mystical Body of thy Son, Holy Mother Church, now in such suffering and agony in so many places and sorely tried in so many ways, but also with the entire world, torn by fierce strife, consumed in a fire of hate, victim of its own wickedness.

May the sight of the widespread material and moral destruction, of the sorrows and anguish of countless fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, and innocent children, of the great number of lives cut off in the flower of youth, of the bodies mangled in horrible slaughter and of the tortured and agonized souls in danger of being lost eternally, move thee to compassion!

O Mother of Mercy, obtain peace for us from God, and above all procure for us those graces which prepare, establish and assure the peace.

Queen of Peace, pray for us and give to the world now at war the peace for which all peoples are longing, peace in the truth, justice and charity of Christ. Give peace to the warring nations and to the souls of men, that in the tranquility of order the Kingdom of God may prevail.

Extend thy protection to the infidels and to all those still in the shadow of death; give them peace and grant that on them, too, may shine the sun of truth, that they may unite with us in proclaiming before the one and only Savior of the world, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to men of good will."

Give peace to the peoples separated by error or by discord, and especially to those who profess such singular devotion to thee and in whose home an honored place was ever accorded thy venerated icon (today perhaps often kept hidden to await better days): bring them back to the one fold of Christ under the one true Shepherd.

Obtain peace and complete freedom for the Holy Church of God; stay the spreading flood of Modern paganism; enkindle in the faithful the love of purity, the practice of the Christian life, and an apostolic zeal, so that the servants of God may increase in merit and in number.

Lastly, as the Church and the entire human race were consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, so that in reposing all hope in Him, He might become for them the sign and pledge of victory and salvation; so we in like manner consecrate ourselves forever also to thee and to thy Immaculate Heart, our Mother and Queen, that thy love and patronage may hasten the triumph of the Kingdom of God, and that all nations, at peace with one another and with God, may proclaim thee blessed and with thee may raise their voices to resound from pole to pole in the chant of the everlasting Magnificat of glory, love and gratitude to the Heart of Jesus, where alone they can find truth and peace. Amen.

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In honor of Our Lady of Fatima, we would ask you all to wear the brown scapular regularly. Some time ago Pope Pius XI authorized the use of the scapular medal in place of the brown pendant scapular, but the privilege has been abused. It was never intended that the medal should be merely carried on the rosary, in your pocket or purse, or worn on the wrist.

We who have the true faith and who, of all Christians are the only ones to carry out Mary's prediction "from hence forth all generations shall call me blessed," must do most of the praying for the world.

The Prince of Peace is among us, has a dwelling in every parish, but as in Christ's own day, "the world knows Him not."

In the Old Law God agreed to save a wicked city if only ten faithful holy souls could be found therein. Since God does not change we can be certain that He would save the world from ruin and from Communism if the millions of Catholics who belong to Him professedly actually lived as His children instead of as pagans.

Let you and your family resolve to win others for Christ by the example of your life.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

St. Bavo's Mothers' Club Holds Meeting

Mishawaka.—About 100 members were present at the November meeting of the St. Bavo's Mothers' Club held Wednesday afternoon in the School Hall. Father Stephen Cvaniga opened the meeting with a prayer, after which plans were made for the Christmas party which is to be held December 17.

Gary Catholic Laymen's Banquet Set For Dec. 14

Gary—The annual banquet of the Catholic Laymen's Club of Gary will be held at the Hotel Gary on Sunday, Dec. 14. The principal speaker will be the Rev. Wilbert Hegener, O.F.M., retreat master of May's Lake, Hinsdale, Ill. Father Hegener was Chaplain in World War II and held the rank of Major. He also spent three years in the foreign missions.

It is estimated that 300 guests will attend the banquet. Tickets are on sale at the Kramers Music Co., at 1905 Broadway or may be purchased from any of the following officers: C. J. Kramer, president; W. Smith, vice president; Ben Chris, recording secretary; Valentine Zajdell, treasurer; banquet committee, Mr. Chris, chairman; Steve Obaggy, tickets; Mr. Zajdell, arrangements, John Monahan, John Schultz and Clem Glakowski, members.

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Voice Of The NCCW

Diocesan Publicity
Mrs. Wm. F. Black

The importance of an association working with the Pastor, and Sisters, for the benefit of the school and the children is quite evident. More and more we realize how important it is that Christian training become a vital part of everyday living. It is just as important that parents become acquainted with the curriculum of the school so they may co-operate intelligently in the training of the child at home. To carry out the purpose of the association parents must interest themselves in study also. These fundamental Ten commandments for Parents seem to be wise advice, and will aid in character and spiritual education.

1. Thou shalt love thy child with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength, but wisely with all thy mind.
2. Thou shalt think of thy child, not as something belonging to thee, but as a person.
3. Thou shalt regard his respect and love, not as something to be demanded, but something worth earning.
4. Every time thou art out of patience with thy child's immaturity and blundering, thou shalt call to mind some of the childish adventures and mistakes which attended thine own coming of age.
5. Remember that it is thy child's privilege to make a hero out of thee, and take thou thought to be a proper one.
6. Remember also that thy example is more eloquent than any fault-finding and moralizing.
7. Thou shalt strive to be a signpost on the highway of life rather than a rut out of which the wheel cannot turn.
8. Thou shalt teach thy child to stand on his own feet and fight his own battles.
9. Thou shalt help thy child to see beauty, to practice kindness, to love truth, and to live in friendship.
10. Thou shalt make of the place wherein thou dwellest a real home, a haven of happiness for thyself, for thy children, for thy friends and for thy children's friends.

Fort Wayne Deanery
Hazel C. Daugherty

The Season of Advent are the four weeks set apart by the Church to commemorate the ages that intervened between the fall of our first parents and the birth of Christ which we celebrate at Christmas. It is a Season of special prayer and penance mingled with joyful expectation, and calculated to fit our souls for a worthy keeping of this great solemnity. Advent is also the beginning of the ecclesiastical year, and as each succeeding year brings us closer to the second coming of Christ as Judge of the world, this holy time is likewise intended to make us ready to meet our Judge.

As we approach the Christmas Season, we should remember to send religious cards, urge the family to say the family rosary meditating on the mysteries which is the heart of the rosary, and wear the scapular.

Mrs. J. M. Carmer, our Deanery President, has received a letter from Sister Lucia, the visionary of the Fatima apparation Portugal. We quote in part—"I am writing to you on Sister Lucia's behalf to thank you for your kind letters and offering—its very consoling to know that you are doing so much to promote devotion to Our Blessed Lady and the Holy Rosary. It is a most efficacious means of sanctification and great graces are attached to it. I am sorry that Sister Lucia can not write and give you her signature. She does not know the English language, consequently can not write. I am enclosing a few little pictures of our Lady of Fatima, they were touched on the miraculous statue in the Shrine. They are of no material value, but I thought you would like to have them.

Kindly remember Sr. Lucia and me in your prayers. May God bless you now and always."

A Board meeting of the Fort Wayne Deanery will be held in O'Leary Hall on Monday, December 8th, at 2:00 o'clock. All elected and appointed chairmen will please attend.

Michigan City Deanery
Mrs. John Barnes

Mrs. J. S. Jones, Gary, diocesan chairman of the Social Action committee, was guest speaker Nov. 19 at the meeting of district 2 of the N.C.C.W. in Marquette hall, Michigan City. She outlined and defined social order as it is today and emphasized the need for the protection of it. She also touched briefly on the subjects of the United Nations and the Taft-Hartley labor bill.

At the start of the meeting, Mrs. Fred Scholl, parish chairman of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception church, the host parish, welcomed the members. After the prayer, led by Mrs. Joseph Timm, deanery president, and a Pledge to the Flag and Cross, led by Mrs. Tom Tobin, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. William Nunnally, district president. Following a reading of the minutes by Mrs. Vincent Kelley, reports from Mrs. Spychalski, St. Stanislaus parish chairman, and Mrs. Scholl, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception parish chairman, were heard.

Prior to Mrs. Jones' talk, Miss Mary Jane Goerg played two piano selections. Later, Mrs. Timm, deanery president, spoke briefly and read an article for the "Bangalese," mission magazine of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Mrs. Tobin, Youth committee chairman, stated that the fact that every Catholic woman is automatically a member of the NCCW should be emphasized at all times.

The next district meeting will be Jan. 21 in St. Stanislaus parish and Mrs. P. J. Flannery will be guest speaker.

The Parent-Teacher Association of St. Patrick's, Chesterton, held their regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening with Mrs. Oakly Lindquist, president, conducting. The enthusiasm of the mothers in this group in looking out for the welfare of the children is very commendable. The pastor, the Rev. E. Eisenhardt, entertained the group, showing movies of parish affairs. At a recent meeting, Miss Mary Kent, Gary deanery chairman of Libraries and Literature, gave a book review on "The Immortal Wife." The members sponsored a skating party for the children and a Christmas party is planned for them. As a gesture of appreciation to the Sisters for their excellent work the mothers are giving a pantry shower during Christmas week.

Hammond Deanery
Mrs. Chas. Van Valkenburg

Our second deanery meeting will be held Dec. 10 at 1:15 p.m. at St. Stanislaus parish, East Chicago. It will be a real pleasure to hear Mrs. J. F. Jones, our diocesan chairman on social action, who will be on the program. Mrs. Jones, a former school teacher and is an authority in her own line, "Social Action." There will be an added treat in hearing the main speaker, Mr. Joseph H. Liston, a native of Chicago, now living in Gary. At present he is an insurance executive. His background includes assistant to Donald Nelson, Washington, D. C., on War Production board during the war. At the close of the war he became manager of the eighth federal reserve district, serving on "Committee for Economic Development," which organization includes 70,000 business executives. He assisted Dale Carnegie in the years 1932-1937 in developing a program on "Public Speaking" which is known to all interested in public speaking at the present time. This program will be worthy of your consideration. A special request is made by our President, Mrs. Albert Koslow for books for boys average age about 15—Book Shower for Hoosier Boys Town.

Fathers of All Saints school children, Hammond, made the limelight when the PTA presented a Truth and Consequences show last week. Mrs. Mike Carris acted as mistress of ceremonies. Monsignor Edward Mungovan spoke briefly during the evening and the eighth grade boys and girls, under the direction of Sister Mary Damian, entertained with choral speaking in three parts. Fathers taking part were Messrs. Mike Mylott, Ambrose Souligny, Frank Chandler, Matt Hafner, William Betts, Leigh Grant, Ray Mantel, Harry Gallagher, William Vogt, Carl Etter, Tom Enright, Benny Orr, Joseph LaMere, Jack Rudolph and Jim Bonner.

Whiting — Sacred Heart parish PTA held their first regular meeting. Mrs. Wm. Hannsman, assisted by Mrs. Bernard Taillon, installed the newly elected officers, namely: Mrs. John DuFon, President; Mrs. Geo. Bryerton, Vice President; Mrs. John Schmit, Secretary; Mrs. M. Halik, Treasurer; Mrs. T. Lynch, Auditor, and Mrs. T. Owens, Historian. Monsignor Geo. Moorman was present. Plans were made for a Christmas party with Mrs. Delbert Evans in charge.

East Chicago—Immaculate Conception parish PTA celebrated their first anniversary. Mrs. J. Talarek, Jr., president, expressed her thanks to all for their co-operation on the success of the previous bake sale of which Mrs. Joseph Wasko was chairman. Program chairman, Mrs. Diehl, presented a very enjoyable program by the school children, under the direction of Sister Mary Dolores and Sister Mary John. Chairman of the day was Mrs. Mary Calacci.

Gary Deanery
Mrs. Howard E. Carlson

The St. Veronica discussion group of St. Michael's parish met in the church on November 20th and witnessed a dry Mass read by Rev. Paul Shogan, assistant pastor. He explained that a dry Mass is one at which there is no consecration but the rest of the Mass is said in the ordinary manner.

For a better understanding by those present, Father said the Mass in the English language, beginning with the vesting prayers and continuing through the last gospel. Each member of the group was presented with a prayer book and copy of the vesting prayers.

Following the Mass, the group gathered in the church hall for a round table discussion, the questions concerning the Eastern rite and customs being answered by the Very Rev. Alexander Papp and Father Shogan.

A social hour followed the meeting and Mrs. John Kovan announced a bake sale to be held December 6th and a party on evening of December 9th for the benefit of the parish.

The St. Joseph-Brother Andre discussion group of Holy Angels' parish met at the home of Miss Frances Grimmer on November 26th. Mrs. David Walsh is the leader of the group and Mrs. Joan MacIsaac is secretary. During the business and social session following the study period the group voted that instead of the regular holiday party and gift exchange they would present a Christmas gift to some needy family.

South Bend Deanery
Mrs. Wm. F. Black

All the members of the South Bend Deanery of the National Council of Catholic Women and that means every Catholic Woman in our Deanery is most cordially invited to attend a District meeting to be held at Holy Cross Parish, South Bend on Thursday, Dec. 11th beginning with a Holy Hour at one o'clock followed by a very fine program and meeting.

The Rev. Vincent Thilman, C.S.C., district moderator, will act as celebrant. The Rev. Frederick Schulte, C.S.C., is the host pastor.

The program is sponsored by the Spiritual Activities Dept. under the direction of Mrs. Wm. Horgan, Deanery Chairman. A demonstration will be given by St. Anne's Study Group members on preparing the altar and dressing the priest for Mass. Mrs. Joseph Fisher is leader of the demonstration. Twelve members are enrolled in the club and have been instrumental in starting two other groups in the parish and still another group is being planned. Various types of study have been made and all the members are intensely interested in the work and eager to promote and enthuse other members of the parish to enjoy and learn more about the Church.

Mrs. Natalie Przybylinski is president of the district and will preside at the business session.

A special invitation is extended to all Deanery officers and chairmen as this will serve as a Christmas get together for all women of the Deanery who are so closely associated in Catholic Action work throughout the year.

There is a specially planned radio program in which you may be interested. At five o'clock on Monday through Fridays over WSBT a delightful program for the child age 4 through 13 is being broadcast. It is called Cloudchaser, Betty and Bob, and is a Christmas series only. On Saturday mornings at nine o'clock our Public Library sponsors a story telling hour over WHOT. The reserve league presents dramatizations of good children's stories and musical appreciation programs on WSBT on Mon., Wed., and Fridays at 4:45 P. M. and at 12:30 P. M. Over NBC stations the Baxter Family—on Saturday mornings.

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Cathedral In Ogdensburg Is Ruined In Fire

Building And Furnishings Completely Destroyed By Raging Blaze

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Dec. 1.—(NC)—St. Mary's Cathedral, a local landmark since 1852, was destroyed by a fire of undetermined origin, last week. With the exception of the sacred vessels and a few vestments, the structure and all its furnishings are a complete loss. Damage has been estimated at $700,000, but the cost of replacement will undoubtedly be higher.

The fire was first reported by five boys from St. Joseph's Home. Msgr. Louis D. Berube, cathedral administrator, and the Rev. F. G. Coseo, assistant, immediately tried to reach the sanctuary to remove the Blessed Sacrament, but were unsuccessful, even with the aid of a smoke mask.

The fire rapidly ate its way through the 95-year-old structure, bursting through the roof in less than two hours. The 150 foot tower caught fire soon after and in a short time crashed, falling into the nave while one of the three bells fell to the side-walk in front of the Cathedral, narrowly missing several firemen who were directing a stream of water into the interior of the church.

Despite repeated attempts by the priests of the cathedral it was impossible to reach the Blessed Sacrament until four hours after the fire started, when two firemen and a Cathedral parishioner made their way to the main altar, removed the Blessed Sacrament and gave it to one of the cathedral priests, who transferred it to a convent nearby. The chalices and other sacred vessels were saved, as well as the vestments, though the latter were damaged by smoke and water. All paintings and statues and an irreplaceable library of sacred music were destroyed.

St. Mary's, begun in 1852 and dedicated in 1855, became the cathedral of the new Diocese of Ogdensburg in 1872. It was remodeled in 1883. It was the first cathedral in New York State to be consecrated, this ceremony being performed in 1898.

Day Of Prayer In Scotland For Archbishop Stepinac

London, Dec. 1 — (NC) — The Scottish Hierarchy observed Sunday, November 30, as a day of prayer for the release of Archbishop Stepinac, imprisoned Yugoslav prelate.

"Archbishop Stepinac stands before the world as the unconquerable hero of our Holy Faith, of episcopal authority, and of the supremacy in faith and discipline of our Holy Father, the Pope," the Bishops' announcement said. "He is a living protest against the fiendish hatred of all things Catholic, a hatred which atheistic communists so loudly proclaim."

St. Peter's Parish Diamond Jubilee Celebration

Pictured is the recessional following the Pontifical Mass offered by the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, in St. Peter's Church, recently, marking the diamond jubilee of the parish. The week's celebration was observed with morning and evening religious services each day when special parish intentions were remembered in the prayers of the faithful.

Precious Blood Forty Hours Dec. 14, 15, 16

Fort Wayne—Through arrangements made by the Rev. Sebastian J. Kremer, C.PP.S., pastor, Most Precious Blood church, devotion of the Forty Hours in the parish will open with Solemn High Mass, Sunday morning, December 14. There also will be High Masses Monday and Tuesday mornings, Dec. 15-16, and services on each of the three evenings at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. Eugene Lucky, C.PP.S., missionary, with headquarters at Brunnerdale Preparatory Seminary, Canton, O., has been invited to give the series of sermons.

Rural Life ....

Pope Praises Conference For Efforts In Aid Of DP's

Lafayette, La.—The efforts of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference to provide resettlement opportunities in the United States for numbers of displaced persons and refugees drew praise this week from His Holiness Pope Pius XII. The Rev. Herman Miller, Diocesan NCRLC Director, Goshen, attended the conference.

In a message to the silver jubilee convention of the conference here, the Holy Father said that the American group's "generous response . . . to the call of Christian charity" inspired hope that relief for the sufferings of the uprooted peoples of the world "may be brought nearer through such understanding cooperation by men and governments of good will throughout the world."

The Pope's message was read at a convention reception for His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago. It was his second message to American Catholics on the same day. Earlier, in a transatlantic broadcast, he had appealed for support of the Bishops' Thanksgiving foodstuffs collection for the needy in war-devastated lands.

A letter from President Harry S. Truman was also read at the NCRLC meeting. Addressing himself to Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard of Lafayette, the Chief Executive wrote:

"The roots of our country's population must be sunk deep into the soil. Farm dwellers must not be transitory occupants of the land, who will succumb easily to the lure of urban life . . . It is our duty to do everything in our power to make rural life attractive.

"The church and the school—those twin institutions of strength—must be easily accessible to farm dwellers. The farm wife has a right also to household equipment equal to the machines which now lighten the burden of labor in the field. But religions and education are the bulwarks of rural life as indeed they are of urban life. How wise you are in placing them at the top of your program . . ."

The Holy Father, in his message, extended his congratulations to the Conference on its 25th birthday, and said: "The dedication of so important a work of Catholic action in accord with sound Catholic principles to the preservation of the Christian family and to the wider extension of private ownership of individual farms is most praiseworthy . . ."

The text of the Pope's message, which was addressed to Bishop William T. Mulloy of Covington, NCRLC president, follows:

"The coincidence of the annual meeting with the 25th anniversary of the founding of The Catholic Rural Life Conference offers Us the happy occasion of extending Our cordial felicitations to the conference on its record of fruitful accomplishment in the interests of religion and country during the past quarter century.

"The dedication of so important a work of Catholic Action, in accord with sound Catholic principles, to the preservation of the Christian family and to the wider extension of private ownership of individual farms is most praiseworthy and the generous response of the conference to the call of Christian charity to provide resettlement possibilities of uprooted displaced persons and destitute refugees inspires hope in the sorrowing heart of the Common Father that relief for their sufferings may be brought nearer through such understanding cooperation by men and governments of good will throughout the world.

With Our heartfelt congratulations to Your Excellency and to so many among you who have labored through the years to see that realization of this memorable commemoration, to the delegates present and to the zealous membership of the Catholic Rural Life Conference We impart a special affectionate Apostolic Blessing.

Pope Pius XII"

Noted Sculptress Heads University Art Section

Washington, Dec. 1 — (NC) — Miss Clare Fontanini, of this city, noted as a sculptress and illustrator of many books, has been appointed head of the Art Department at the Catholic University of America, it has been announced.

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They Agree Only On Belief In God

Right or Wrong

Editors' views on current events — and others' comments

The Code Of The Legion Of Decency

ON the Sunday within the Octave of the feast of the Immaculate Conception every Catholic is requested to accept and follow the Code of the Legion of Decency, and we, therefore, take the liberty of explaining what this Code is, how it originated, and how motion pictures are classified in relation to it.

Nearly eighteen years ago—to be exact in February, 1930—the then President of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc., Mr. Will H. Hays, was authorized to ratify a Code adopted by the Association of Motion Picture Producers, Inc. The Code had originally been written by the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., and was hailed as eminently sane and fair.

When the nine leading producers of motion pictures in the United States, who make and distribute more than ninety per cent of all motion pictures, signed the Code, it became a formal agreement.

Read This!

YOU will be called on to renew your pledge to the Legion of Decency on December 14. Today you will find under "Right or Wrong" a clear exposition of the founding and workings of the Legion of Decency and the manner in which it classifies pictures. Be sure to read this because your pledge should be rational.

The Motion Picture Producers actually wanted a Code because in practically every state there were societies and organizations and sometimes committees appointed by the Mayor, who censored pictures very much according to their own particular ideas and prejudices. But you might ask: "Why did the producers accept the Code written by Father Lord rather than some other?" It was because they liked it best. There was nothing prudish or puritanical or narrow in it. Just read the Code as it is presented herewith, and see whether any thorough American or Christian or moral-minded person could object to it. Summarized it reads:

(1) No picture shall be produced which will lower the moral standards of those who see it. Hence the sympathy of the audience should never be thrown to the side of crime, wrongdoing, evil or sin.

(2) Correct standards of life, subject only to the requirements of drama and entertainment, shall be presented.

(3) Law, natural or human, shall not be ridiculed, nor shall sympathy be created for its violation.

Directions:

The Production Code also contains particular directions concerning its application. For instance under "Crimes Against the Law," it is noted:

These shall never be presented in such a way as to throw sympathy with the crime as against law and justice or to inspire others with a desire for imitation.

1—Murder

(a) The technique of murder must be presented in a way that will not inspire imitation.

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Bikini-Fatima—One Poses A Problem And The Other Provides The Answer

BY THE REV. JAMES CONROY

THE guest speaker at the luncheon club was a newspaper reporter. He had been at Bikini. He had seen the atomic bomb tests, both the above-water and the underwater explosions. He gave no light, wise-cracking talk. He did not regale us with smart stories. He was deadly serious as he described what he had seen. He spoke as one who had seen another world. He did not use manuscript or notes. He frequently resorted to terms such as "cataclysmic," "approaching the infinite," "unreal." He mentioned the "open-mouthed horror and wonder" of all observers at the scene as the huge, mushroom shaped cloud rose thousands of feet into the air. Brilliant colors flashed back and forth in its billowy top, a sight which has never been equalled in the history of the world.

He spoke of a eerie all encompassing flash of light, thousands of times brighter than the sun, which immediately preceded the detonation, illuminating the area for miles around and then disappearing as suddenly as it broke, leaving only the "weak" light of the sun to carry on as before. Higher and higher into the heavens reached the shapely cloud until finally it stood at its climax, a thing of beauty and horror which chilled the very souls of the watchers and confounded their sense of continuity for moments to come.

Back to Christ to Prevent Atomic War

We listeners shifted a bit uneasily in our seats. But the speaker went on, prophet-like. He drew conclusions which were as inevitable to him as the draft blowing shut an open door. The armed forces had named this experiment "Operations Cross Roads," and it was aptly titled. Civilization had come to a cross roads with these tests. Atomic energy had been loosed. From now on, what? It could destroy the world and civilization, of that there was no doubt. What was to be done?

Then the speaker went into one of the most unlooked for conclutions I have ever heard at a luncheon meeting where much guff and light-heartedness is usually the order of the day. He explained that he "was not a preacher or a preacher's son." He was a newspaper man of long experience. He had seen and reported much of life. He had grown hardened, he

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Our Lady's Statue Brought To U. S.

This statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be brought into the United States tomorrow—December 8—at Niagara Falls, from Canada, where at St. Mark's Church, Prescott, Ontario, this picture of it was taken. The statue is a replica of the famous statue at Fatima where Our Lady appeared to the three children of Portugal. It was blessed at the spot of the apparitions, and flown to the United States. This week special devotions to Our Lady of Fatima will be held in the Buffalo Diocese under the direction of the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C. The statue will then be taken throughout the nation as a part of a crusade of prayer for peace and the defeat of Communism.

Confusion Called Serious Handicap To Christianity

Religion Must Be Based On Firm Foundation Of Divinely Revealed Truth

IN the November 10, 1947 number of Time it was noted that "about the only thing Congregational ministers agree on is the belief in God." This conclusion was drawn from the report of a survey taken by the Committee on Evangelism of the Chicago Congregational Association among fifty of Chicago's Congregational ministers to "determine how orthodox were their Christian beliefs."

Time summarized the findings of the survey as follows:

Two did not believe that Christ ever lived on the earth.

Twelve considered the Crucifixion a "noble example"; twenty-three believed that it was "divine redemption for sinful men."

Eight denied the doctrine of original sin; thirty decided that there was "a tendency toward evil in human beings."

Seven did not believe in the Resurrection, but half the ministers considered Jesus a "necessary mediator between God and man."

Only eight of the fifty held the Bible authoritative in matters of faith, rather than merely a guide. Thirty-five counted the church as indispensable; thirteen rated it "helpful."

This "theological confusion," concluded the committee soberly, is a serious handicap to Congregational evangelism. What, it asked, are preaching missions to preach, and in what faith are young people to be confirmed?

Religion must be erected on a foundation of truth, just as everything else must be based on solid principles. If Christ were not divine, then there can be no Christian Congregational or any other kind of Christian Church. If Christ did not redeem mankind and open heaven to the human race, then there is no good reason for the existence of any religious organization, whose purpose evidently must be to promulgate the fact of the Redemption, and the means by

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Mary Immaculate U. S. Patroness For 100 Years

Faithful Show Gratitude By Gifts For Shrine

BY RT. REV. MSGR. JOHN J. REILLY

(Director, The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception)

THE one hundredth anniversary of the designation by the Holy See of Mary Immaculate as Patroness of the United States has been fittingly commemorated by the faithful of the United States. They have just contributed over a million dollars in response to the Hierarchy's request for funds to complete the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C.

Bishop Noll of Fort Wayne, chairman of the Bishops' Committee for the completion of the National Shrine, recently reported the results of the first year's efforts in a five-year plan to bring about this completion by 1954, the centenary of the Definition of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

Two Million By Mother's Day 1948

Sixty-three dioceses, several thousand priests and many religious orders of men and women have responded. The plan calls for collections to be taken up in churches throughout the country from Mother's Day to Mother's Day; and it is felt that, within the next few months, the total sum of the first year's contributions will reach two million dollars. At present the cost of completing the National Shrine is estimated at six million dollars.

The faithful of the United States—still conscious of the protective influence of the Mother of Christ after the shock of the Pearl Harbor disaster which took place on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, and grateful to her as they associate the end of the war in the Pacific with her feast of the Assumption—have donated generously to this National Shrine which will honor the Mother of Christ in the Nation's Capital. For a century the Immaculate Mother of Christ, as patroness of the United States, has watched over the destinies of our land. Mindful of the blessings that have come to us, through no superiority of our own, the faithful are manifesting a desire to give outward expression to sentiments of love and appreciation which they have always had in their hearts.

A Year To Complete Plans

The plans for completing the super-structure of the National Shrine are now being drawn, but so vast is the project a full year will be needed for their completion.

The message of Our Lady of Fatima to make sacrifice that we may have peace in our time, is being given generous heed by the faithful in the United States; and indications are that the long dreamed of National Shrine, in honor of the Mother of Christ, will in the next few years become a reality.

As far back as 1846 the idea of a national shrine was entertained. The Lowell "Currier" of January 29, 1846 made this announcement: "A magnificent Catholic Church is to be built in Washington, D.C. something after the style of the Cathedrals of the old world. It is intended by Catholics to appeal for aid in this great undertaking to every congregation of their denomination in the United States." It now appears as if our own times will be blessed by the materialization of this hope.

Young But Worthy

Between now and 1954 there will rise, slowly but surely, this magnificent structure to be dedicated to the Immaculate Mother of Christ. Here in the Nation's Capital this structure—perfect, classical, beautiful—will emerge to take its place alongside its sister churches such as Notre Dame of Paris, Santa Maria Maggiore of Rome, the Catholic Westminster

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Notre Dame Men Urged To Serve 'Church Militant'

Notre Dame, Ind.—Students at the University of Notre Dame, with the great tradition inherited from the founders of Notre Dame, must bear the brunt of the "Church Militant," Honorable Joseph Scott, prominent Los Angeles attorney, declared Nov. 24, in an address to the student body at Notre Dame.

Mr. Scott, who was awarded the Laetare Medal by Notre Dame in 1918, told the students that there is something more in life than mere economic security. "The slaves of the South were fed and clothed and died in security of a sort," he explained, "but they were not free. They were slaves still. There is real freedom only when a man may call his soul his own. As long as my soul is free, I may be in jail, chained and shackled, but I will still be free.

"With the reputation and great tradition that the students at Notre Dame have inherited," Mr. Scott declared, "you students must bear the brunt of the Church Militant. Let the man be happy who may say that I have won a great battle, for I have kept the faith. Perpetuate that militancy here—above all be militant Catholics—the world hungers for intrepid Catholic men."

Mr. Scott, who was knighted with the Order of St. Gregory by Pope Benedict XV in 1920, is the father of three graduates of Notre Dame. He was introduced to the student body by the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame.

200,000 Baptized In Year By White Fathers Of Africa

Eastview, Ont., Dec. 1 —(NC)—The great mission work being done in Africa by the White Fathers of Africa is shown in the latest figures of their missions. During the past year there were more than 200,000 baptisms, and the 7,603 schools directed by the order had an enrollment of more than 40,000.

The society's personnel totals 1,305 priests of whom 244 are native priests, 396 Brothers, of whom 171 are natives; 845 missionary nuns as well as 785 native nuns.

The total number of baptized Catholics is more than 2,000,000 this being double the number of baptized in 1936. In addition there are 586,000 catechumens. But even these encouraging figures leave much to be done, for Catholics number only one tenth of the total population of the mission fields entrusted to the direction of the White Fathers.

Dr. Wilson Points To Uses Of Furfural

Buffalo, N. Y.—A new chemical industry, based on the chemical Furfural as a raw material for nylon and other commercial substances, looms in the near future as a result of recent research performed with the chemical, Dr. Christopher L. Wilson, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Notre Dame, declared here, Dec. 1, at a meeting of the Alumni Chemical Society of Canisius College.

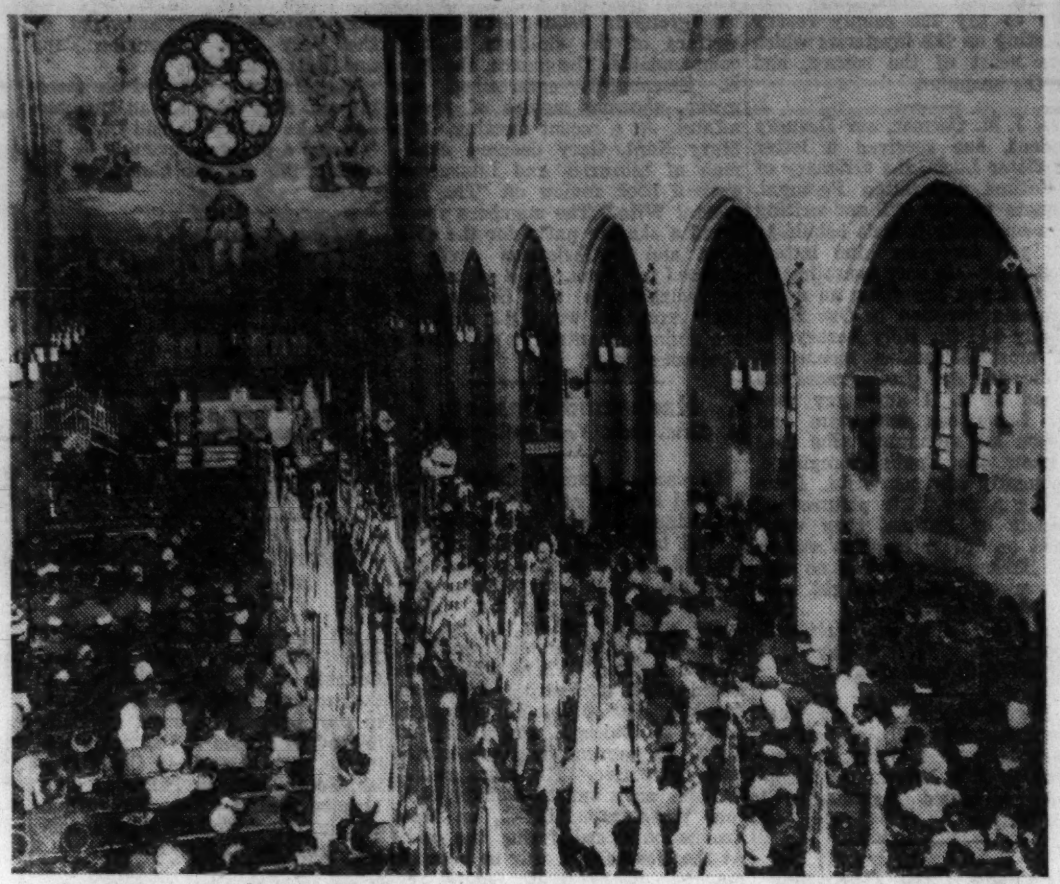
Dr. Wilson, who currently is engaged in research with Furfural in the chemical laboratories at Notre Dame, told members of the Society that although Furfural was discovered in 1831, it was not until 1925 that it was produced in large quantities and only in recent years that its potentialities have been realized. Furfural is made from agricultural waste such as grain hulks and corn cobs.

Keeping Liberal Arts Liberal, Theme Of College Assn. Meeting

Boston, Dec. 1.—(NC)—"On keeping the teaching of the Liberal Arts liberal" will be the theme of a meeting of the New England Catholic College Association here on December 13. The Very Rev. Daniel P. Lyons, S.S.E., chairman of the meeting and president of St. Michael's College, will preside. Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, host to the meeting, will be guest of honor at a luncheon.

Addresses will be given by the Rev. William L. Lucey, S.J., of Holy Cross College, "On Humanizing History and the Social Studies;" by Dr. Jeremiah K. Durick of St. Michael's College on "The Languages and Literature; on De-Accentuating the Positive;" and by Sister M. Irmina, O.P., president of Albertus Magnus College, on "Liberating and Liberalizing the Natural Sciences."

Pontifical Military Mass In Hammond



The Catholic War Veterans Post 215 and Auxiliary of Hammond sponsored the 4th annual Solemn Pontifical Military Mass in All Saints Church, November 23. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. E. J. Mungovan, V. G., P.A., pastor, was celebrant.

Fibber And Molly Leading Students' Radio Poll

Rensselaer, Ind.—Fibber McGee & Molly had the only "highly acceptable" radio entertainment among 17 comedy programs critically judged during the week of Nov. 9 by 1,249 college students cooperating across the nation in the Radio Acceptance Poll. Fifth week results were announced today for poll headquarters at St. Joseph's College.

At the opposite end of the tabulation, Bob Hope's show was "barely acceptable" from the R.A.P. good taste standpoint for the fourth time in the five weeks. Last week, Hope temporarily moved up to 14th place while Jim Backus fell into the acceptability cellar.

Student spokesmen at St. Joseph's poll headquarters explained that they were confining their "listening in" to the swiftly moving, "gag" type of program. "These entertainers seem to flirt most with the outside boundaries of good taste," they pointed out.

"A few have asked why we didn't include Amos & Andy, Gildersleeve, Henry Aldrich, and the like. We have found that these shows, while radio comedy of a sort, usually are pretty wholesome. They don't wander off into the off-color stuff like several of the audited shows."

Here are Radio Acceptance Poll results in their rating order for programs audited during the week of Nov. 9:

Fibber McGee & Molly, Jack Benny, Henry Morgan, Red Skelton, Duffy's Tavern, Burns & Allen, Baby Snooks, Jimmy Durante, Jack Carson, Eddie Cantor, Charlie McCarthy, Milton Berle, Fitch Bandwagon, It Pays To Be Ignorant, Jim Backus, Jack Paar, Bob Hope.

Universal N. D. Communion Sunday Slated December 7

Fort Wayne—Through arrangements made with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Dapp, rector, members of the Fort Wayne Notre Dame club will observe Universal Notre Dame Communion Sunday by assisting at the 9 a. m. Mass, Sunday, December 7 and receive Holy Communion in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Front main aisle pews will be reserved for these communicants. Following the Mass, breakfast will be served in the old Fort Room of the Indiana Hotel, with the Rev. Charles F. Girardot, pastor of St. Jude's church as guest speaker.

Louis F. Niezer is chairman of arrangements and is being assisted by Robert F. Eggeman, James M. Keefer, Frank P. McCarthy and Donnelly P. McDonald Jr.

Monday night, December 8, at the close of the Triduum on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 7:30 o'clock Msgr. Dapp will officiate at the reception of the eighth grade girls of Cathedral school, and others in the parish who are eligible to membership in the Blessed Virgin sodality, services closing with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Lake County Curia To Meet Dec. 7

Gary—The Lake County Curia of the Legion of Mary will hold its fourth monthly meeting at St. John the Apostle Church in St. John, Indiana at 3 P. M. Sunday, December 7.

At the first meeting of this Curia there were representatives from Praesidia from St. John the Baptist Church in Whiting, St. Joseph's Church in Hammond, and St. John the Apostle Church in St. John. Since then two new Praesidia have joined the Curia. They are from Sacred Heart Church and St. Mary's Church both in East Chicago.

Family Is Together Again

Together again, but under the Stars and Stripes and not the sickle and hammer of Russia overshadowing Poland, the Grochowski family is shown after their happy reunion in South Bend due to the efforts of a Tribune newsboy, their eldest son. In top row are Slawian, the newsboy, and his sister, Jean; bottom row, Chester Grochowski, the father; George, the younger son, and Mrs. Jadwiga Grochowski, the mother, who arrived from red-dominated Poland. The father, who was born in the United States, came from Poland with the children nearly a year ago. —Photo by South Bend Tribune Staff Photographer.

Rural Group Asks Catholic Meeting On Farm Problems

Also Supports Admission Of DP's, Checks On Migrant Labor, Farms

Lafayette, La., Dec. 1.—(NC)—Looking beyond the borders of the United States, the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, at the completion here of its four-day silver jubilee convention, suggested an international Catholic conference on rural life and its problems. It was recommended that the conference be held in Rome in 1950 or 1951.

Present-day food problems, the close relationship between food resources and population growth, and the moral issues involved in international production and distribution of food were given as reasons for an international meeting.

Acting on another international problem, the Conference adopted a resolution to support legislation now before Congress to provide for admission of more displaced persons than the present immigration quotas allow.

A resolution opposing the temporary importation of migratory farm labor from across the borders "as a regular practice" and recommending that interstate transportation of migrant workers be brought under federal supervision, was also adopted. Embodied in this resolution was a scoring of the custom, common in some areas, of seeking a large labor supply to circumvent wage demands; included also was a demand for decent housing and enforced sanitary codes for migratory workers.

Another resolution provided that public monies should not be appropriated to subsidize farming corporations and large operations which make life on the farm difficult, if not impossible, and urged continuance of present acreage limitations on land assisted by reclamation laws.

In line with its well-known policy, the Conference advocated discouragement of large landholdings and called for a strong policy to encourage not only full-time family farms, but also rural homesteads for persons employed in cities.

To build for the future, a resolution urged establishment of Catholic agricultural secondary schools, and research facilities in agriculture, rural sociology and allied subjects in Catholic colleges, also education leading to closer unity among farm, industry, labor and employer groups.

The 1948 NCRLC convention, it was decided, will be held in La Cross, Wis.

Natural Law To Be Emphasized At N. D. Institute Dec. 12, 13

Notre Dame, Ind.—The Natural Law will be emphasized as the basis of the American Court system and legal practices at a Natural Law Institute to be held at the University of Notre Dame on Dec. 12 and 13, it was announced Dec. 4, by the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame.

Hundreds of judges, lawyers, clergymen, educators and other interested persons have been invited to attend the Institute. The Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Bishop of Buffalo, N. Y., and former President of the University of Notre Dame, will be the Honorary Chairman, while Father Cavanaugh will act as chairman of the meeting. Dr. Clarence E. Manion, Dean of the Notre Dame College of Law, is in charge of arrangements.

Speakers will include Dr. Mortimer J. Adler, of the University of Chicago, who will speak on "The Philosophy of the Natural Law"; Harold R. McKinnon, prominent San Francisco, Cal., attorney, on "The Natural Law and the Positive Law"; Professor Ben W. Palmer of the University of Minnesota, on "The Natural Law and Pragmatism"; and the Rev. William J. Doheny, C.S.C., of the University of Notre Dame, noted authority on Canon Law, on "The Eternal Law Background of the Natural Law."

Catechism For The Honest Inquirer

An Infallible Teacher

Q—If it is so clear that Christ Himself taught the Apostles and gave to them a mandate to teach to the entire world what He commanded them; if He communicated to them and, through them, to their successors definite authority and certain powers; if He promised to be with His teaching body until the end of the world; and that it would be guided by the Holy Spirit until the end of time, then the Church, for which that teaching body still acts, it seems to me, should easily be found.

A—You reason very logically. This teaching body, or the Church which this teaching body represents, can be easily found, because there is only one Church which is traceable back to Apostolic times, whose Bishops and ruling head even claim to be successors of the Apostles, including Peter. This Church numbers 100,000,000 more members than all other Christian organizations taken together.

If there were not on earth today a religion which had a divine teaching body which could speak with supreme authority on matters relating to faith or morals, then Christ would not have kept His most solemn promises. Note again those promises: "I will ask the Father and He will give you another advocate, to dwell with you forever, **the Spirit of Truth.** . . . He will teach you **all** things and bring to your mind **whatever I have said to you. . . When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will teach you all truth"** (John XIV, 16, 17, 26; XVI, 13-14).

Another promise which Christ made, namely, "behold I am with you all days even unto the consummation of the world" (Matt. XXVIII, 20), would have no sense if the Apostles did not have successors until the end of the world.

Writing to Timothy, St. Paul refers to the Church of which he was an apostle, as "The Church of the living God, the pillar and mainstay of truth" (1 Tim. III, 15).

Q—I take it then that the way to find the truth is to ascertain what this Church teaches?

A—Again you reason correctly, and in keeping with Holy Scripture. Did not Christ speaking of the Apostles say: "He who hears you, hears Me, and he who rejects you, rejects Me" (Luke X, 16)?

St. Paul tells us (Rom. X, 17) "faith comes by hearing," and in writing to the Galatians, said: "But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel to you other than that which we have preached to you, let him be anathema!" (I, 8).

Q—Do not the several texts you have quoted prove that the Church is actually infallibly correct in her teaching?

A—Yes, they do.

When the entire episcopate of the Church, united to its head, or when the head, as the spokesman for the entire teaching body, pronounces on a matter of faith or morals for the entire world, the decision must be regarded as final and infallible.

Q—If infallibility means that, it seems most reasonable, but I had always thought it meant that the Church or the Pope speaking for the Church, could not make any mistake, no matter on what subject he might make a pronouncement. In fact, to be honest, I thought it meant that the Pope could not even sin.

A—You were not alone in harboring that impression. The word "Infallibility" as applied to the Church, or to the Pope, has not only been distorted, but so misrepresented as to make the Church and its spokesman appear ridiculous.

Any human being possessed of free will can sin. Some Popes have been sinners. St. Paul, even though selected by Christ in Person, tell us that he feared that he might stray from grace.

Sometimes we are told that Paul did not recognize Peter's infallibility because at Jerusalem he withstood him to his face (Gal. II, 11). But he did not withstand Peter on any matter of doctrine. He merely objected to his leaving the table of the Gentiles because he feared he might give offense to the Jewish converts. This was a matter of "personal conduct."

To show how Peter's authority was respected when he did speak officially you only need to refer to acts (IX, 18; XV, 6-12) describing the settlement of a controversy at the Council held by the Apostles at Jerusalem. Several of the Apostles, including St. James, Bishop of Jerusalem, expressed their opinions. But when Peter spoke "they all held their peace."

Before Paul began his ministry, after having spent three years in an Arabian desert, he writes (Gal. I, 18), "I went to Jerusalem to see Peter." That was a natural procedure, just as a newly appointed ambassador goes to see his Chief before departing on his mission.

There are those who ask how Peter could have denied Christ during His passion if he were infallible. The answer is (a) that the headship of the Church had not yet been conferred on him—it took place after the Resurrection; and (b) that denial became a personal sin, to which infallibility has no relation.

Intellectual converts are drawn to the Catholic Church chiefly by the appeal which her "infallibility" makes to them. Many have written that they could not be interested in any Church which did not know its own mind, and which could not speak with absolute certainty. Why should a person make great sacrifices to embrace any religion which disowns infallibility or the ability to teach with certainty?

In a matter as vital as man's salvation people do not wish to walk in the dark or to be guided by another's opinion.

When St. Paul tells us (1 Tim. II, 4) that God "wills all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth," he implies that God has made it possible for all men to learn the truth.

How could you believe that the people instructed by the Apostles heard "the word of God" for a certainty, and that people after their time would have no way of being certain?

In his letter to the Thessalonians, Paul writes: "When you had received of us the word of the hearing of God, you received it not as the word of men, but as it is indeed, the word of God."

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FATHER QUIZ

On Matters Catholic

How is the "released time" instruction in religion working in the United States?

According to Dr. Roy G. Ross, General Secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, who has made a special survey, more than 2,000,000 students were released from public schools for an hour a week this year to attend instructions under Protestant auspices alone.

He tells us "the plan was in effect in 2,200 communities." He also tells us that approximately 34,000,000 persons are now enrolled in Sunday Schools. Of course, most of these are not children. In Protestant churches adults are the chief enrollees in Sunday Schools.

But he also notes that some 5,000,000 children and young folks attend Church Vacation Schools, conducted for periods ranging up to four weeks. He further says "an estimated 350,000 to 400,000 young people go to 2,500 summer camps and conferences—denominational and interdenominational — where they combine study, worship and recreation."

Mr. Ross, in his efforts to build up bigger classes for religious instruction, clearly endorses the Catholic idea of bringing religion into education through parochial schools.

Dr. Ross' International Council of Religious Education sponsors "Religious Education Week," which this year was observed from September 28 to October 5. Its purpose was "to focus attention on the prime importance of religious training in solving individual and world problems."

He notes that "churches of forty Protestant denominations and 638 city, county and state inter-church councils across the nation joined in that observance."

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Right or Wrong

Editors' views on current events — and others' comments

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(b) Brutal killings are not to be presented in detail.
(c) Revenge in modern times shall not be justified.
2—Methods of crime should not be explicitly presented.
(a) Theft, robbery, safe-cracking and dynamiting of trains, mines, buildings, etc., should not be detailed in method.
(b) Arson must be subject to the same safeguards.
(c) The use of firearms should be restricted to essentials.
(d) Methods of smuggling should not be presented.
3—Illegal drug traffic must never be presented.

Under 'Sex':

The sanctity of the institution of marriage and the home shall be upheld. Pictures shall not infer that low forms of sex relationship are the accepted or common thing.
1—Adultery, sometimes necessary plot material, must not be explicitly treated, or justified, or presented attractively.
2—Scenes of passion.
(a) They should not be introduced when not essential to the plot.
(b) Excessive and lustful kissing, lustful embraces, suggestive postures and gestures, are not to be shown.
(c) In general, passion should so be treated that these scenes do not stimulate the lower and baser element.
3—Seduction or Rape
(a) They should never be more than suggested, and only when essential for the plot, and even then never shown by explicit method.
(b) They are never the proper subject for comedy.
Under "Vulgarity":
The treatment of low, disgusting unpleasant, though not necessarily evil, subjects should be subject always to the dictate of good taste and a regard for the sensibilities of the audience.

Under 'Obscenity And Profanity'

Obscenity in word, gesture, reference, song, joke or by suggestion (even when likely to be understood only by part of the audience) is forbidden.
Pointed profanity or vulgar expression, however used, is forbidden.

Under 'Dances':

1—Dances suggesting or representing sexual actions or indecent passion are forbidden.
2—Dances which emphasize indecent movements are to be regarded as obscene.

Under 'Costume':

1—Complete nudity is never permitted. This includes nudity in fact or in silhouette, or any lecherous or licentious notice thereof by other characters in the picture.
2—Undressing scenes should be avoided, and never used save where essential to the plot.
3—Indecent or undue exposure is forbidden.
4—Dancing costumes intended to permit undue exposure or indecent movements in the dance are forbidden.

Under 'Religion':

1—No film or episode may throw ridicule on any religious faith.
2—Ministers of religion in their character as ministers of religion should not be used as comic characters or as villains.
3—Ceremonies of any definite religion should be carefully and respectfully handled.

Entertainment

It was agreed between the Motion Picture Producers and the Legion of Decency that "pictures intended for the theatre as distinct from pictures intended for churches, schools, lecture halls, educational movements, social reform movements, etc., are primarily to be regarded as entertainment."
The agreement continues:
Mankind has always recognized the importance of entertainment and its value in rebuilding the bodies and souls of human beings.
But it has always recognized that entertainment can be of a character either helpful or harmful to the human race, and in consequence, has clearly distinguished between:
(a) Entertainment which tends to improve the race, or at least to recreate and rebuild human beings exhausted with the realities of life; and
(b) Entertainment which tends to degrade human beings, or to lower their standards of life and living.
Hence the moral importance of entertainment is something which has been universally recognized. It enters intimately into the lives of men and women and affects them closely; it occupies their minds and affections during leisure hours; and ultimately touches the whole of their lives. A man may be judged by his standard of entertainment as easily as by the standards of his work.
So correct entertainment raises the whole standard of a nation.
Wrong entertainment lowers the whole living conditions and moral ideals of a race.

The New York Office

The Legion of Decency has an office in New York where motion pictures are previewed by level-headed men and women who do not let any of their own ideas or prejudices sway them. They relate every picture to the Code, which the Motion Picture Producers themselves have signed. Then the pictures are classified under the headings: "Class A-2" which are not suitable for children, but are unobjectionable for adults; "Class B" which are objectionable in part even for adults, and "Class C" which are condemned unequivocally, which means that no Christian can, with a safe conscience, attend them.
The October 30 number of the Bulletin of the National Legion of Decency places "Forever Amber" under the "C" classification, as it did "The Outlaw," and "Mom and Dad" in previous releases, besides a number of other pictures produced in other countries.
Why is it, it may be further asked, that Catholics seem to be more disturbed than others when a "C" picture is advertised for a showing in their community? There would them now and then—as well as on be several reasons, among them (1) the Catholic press carries the National Legion of Decency list regularly and, therefore, they are better informed than others concerning the character of the film and (2) Catholics are an urban people where all the big movie houses are located and, therefore, it is believed that more than one-half of all the patrons of motion pictures in the largest cities in the nation are Catholic. In fact Will Hays told the formers of the Legion of Decency, at Cincinnati in 1934, that the Motion Picture Producers estimated that Catholic patrons of the motion picture constitute one-half of the entire population attending the same, precisely because the Catholic population is eighty per cent urban while the Proestant poulation is eighty per cent rural, and there are no large motion picture theatres in rural areas or in small towns.
But the entire education of the Catholic child makes it more "morality conscious." While he may be quite inclined to follow the crowd, still when his attention is called to the fact that this or that picture is harmful to morals; when he is reminded that he actually pledged himself not to patronize any picture which glorifies crime or the criminal or makes light of immoral conduct, he is more inclined to listen to such direction.

On Principle?

But it were a thousand times more foolish for non-Catholics to patronize a "C" picture on the score that its rating came from the Legion of Decency than it were foolish to violate decency and attend the show because the producer or the exhibitor was challenging the Legion of Decency.
Can you conceive of any other reason than personal financial profit to the exhibitor for the showing of a picture which is harmful to morals?

Jimmie Fidler

Usually the picture on the "C" list commands a higher price at the box office than others do. Jimmie Fidler commented on this thought only a few days ago (November 19, 1947) when he wrote:
Consider, if you please, the current campaign, of Producer Samuel Goldwyn, who is trying to persuade independent theater owners that admission fees should be advanced "for top pictures." If you can find any element of justice in this stand, you're more far-seeing than, this reporter.
In the first place, it has been thoroughly demonstrated that a "top picture," in Hollywood estimation, means merely a costly picture. Of the costly pictures which have been "road-showed" at advanced prices in the past, the majority have been cinematic lemons that would not have been entertainment bargains at ordinary prices. Why should the public pay for Hollywood's mistakes?
In the second place, it has been conclusively proved that any good picture will pay its producer profits 100 percent or more on his investment from American showing alone, if it is intelligently sold at regular admission fees. What more can Mr. Goldwyn, or any other producer ask than that? Again, does he think that he should also earn a fantastic percentage of profit on bad pictures—and even he makes them now and then as well as on good ones?
In the third place, what possible right does he or any other firm mogul have to extort more money from theater men and the public until a businesslike effort is made to eliminate the scandolous waste that now is general in the studios? If he and other producers want bigger net profits, how about curtailing the admitted $10,000,000 expenditure (1947) on scenes that had to be reshot; how about cutting the ridiculous salaries paid to stars, writers, directors and executives; how about trimming the almost incredible price paid for stories; how in short, about putting their own house in order? Until they do, I, for one, pledge myself to pay no advanced admission fees, no matter how "top" the picture may be.

Why Not Lower?

On November 25 Jimmie Fidler, in his daily column, made this further observation on the higher prices charged by exhibiters for films which are not worth patronizing:
Have you ever heard of a movie producer cutting his film rental demands because a picture is punk? Have you ever known a theater to reduce its admission fees because the current offering is below par? Not by a jugful—and until poor pictures are sold for less than "regular prices," I contend that there is no justification for any attempt to sell better than average pictures for advanced prices, particularly in view of the fact that the bad pictures, at present, outnumber the good ones at least ten to one.
Any producer who turns out a better than average picture gets patronage. Playing at regular rates, a picture with real audience appeal will dependably out-gross an unentertaining picture by as much as three dollars to one. That should constitute plenty of incentive for quality production, without kiting prices that are already too high to fit the average family budget.

Dr. L. D. Newton

IN our issue for November 16, it was incorrectly stated that Dr. L. D. Newton was one of the seven ministers who visited Yugoslavia at the invitation of Tito. He was not, although it is true that Dr. Newton visited Russia and upon his return home conveyed the impression that the Baptists, at least, enjoyed freedom of religion in that country. Our mention of Dr. Newton was made in connection with our series of articles on the "Patriots," some of whom are organizing a new anti-Catholic group to oppose such things as the continued representation by Myron Taylor of the President at the Vatican and school bus transportation of children attending parochial schools.

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Although we have not been able to publish Mr. Mulgrew's column "Life Goes On" every week, he has continued this work and has sent copy to us regularly. He has now compiled his annual "Yearbook," which is available at 75c per copy. postpaid. We know that many of our readers are anxious to get this book, and request that they order directly from "Jazbo" Box 85, Dubuque, Iowa.

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Father Conroy Talking

Taking A Stroll

IT'S not that I haven't anything else to write about, but we have just finished with a talk or so on the Fourth Commandment and before we get on to another subject I'd like to take some time out for a few unrelated ideas that could bear a little catching up. So here they are:

Sometime ago some kids in Chicago were telling me how dead the town was. Chicago, I understand, has a few million population. Heard the same thing when I stopped for gas and oil in Orlando, Tennessee, a couple of weeks later. Orlando, Tennessee, I understand, has a population of about ninety people! Somebody is wrong and I have reason to doubt that it is the kids in Orlando, Tenn. . . . Speaking of Youth Organizations, Bill Fink, Managing Editor of OSV, has recently added another member to the Youth Movement which he is sponsoring. It now totals six members, with Thomas Michael (two months old) as the latest . . . It just occurs to me that the most successful Youth Organizations are those into which you are born in order to be a member and whose meetings are at home . . . The family, I mean . . . In Minneapolis recently I paid a visit to the Harriet Avenue Youth Center (it is a neighborhood youth club). I'll bet you can't guess what kind of a game was going on . . . Hop-Scotch! Either Dave or Janet or Bob or Betsy, or Sam or Annie or Billy or Jeannie or Mike or Shirley can give you good reasons why they like the game . . . Hop-Scotch, by the way, is around a thousand years old and was handed down by the Egyptians . . . Of course the Harriet Ave. Club was using movie stars' names in the squares . . .

That brings up a point . . . instead of eternally looking for new ideas for entertainment at your meetings, why not try out some of the old ones? . . . You'd be surprised . . . kids who are learning the old fashioned square dances and reels find that they really have something worthwhile and many evening affairs now turn over quite a bit of time from the jive to get in the square dancing . . . Wouldn't hurt to try it anyway . . .

More power to His Excellency, Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston who was recently re-elected Episcopal Chairman of the Youth Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference . . . This took place at the recent meeting of the Bishops of the United States in Washington, D. C. . . . I heard him speak some months ago at the National Catholic Youth Convention in Cleveland . . . He is Number One in the whole field of Youth Work and American Youth is fortunate, especially during these times, to have such a man at their head . . . I say American Youth because His Excellency is very much aware of all American Youth, both Catholic and non-Catholic . . . Look up last week's OSV Youth Section . . . you'll find a good picture of him there . . . Also Bishop Sheil, founder of the CYO . . .

An item you don't want to miss—December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and you are probably anticipating it . . . Remember that this Feast marks the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Country to Our Blessed Lady in Her Immaculate Conception . . . The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima whom you have been hearing about so much lately has been brought to this country to commemorate the event . . .

The movie, "Forever Amber" was picketed in Indiana Harbor, Indiana, by members of the Young Christian Workers there . . . There are over four hundred active members in this Organization . . . They are Mexican Youth belonging to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish . . .

The Immaculate Conception

This famed painting of the Immaculate Conception, which feast we observe on December 8, is by Murillo and hangs in the Louvre, Paris.

The Philosophic Mind

Apostolic Succession Is Key To Understanding Of Christianity

BY THE REV. G. STUART HOGAN

WHEN Christ founded His Church, He gathered around Him twelve men, who were known by the distinctive title of Apostles. The Scriptures tell us that none of the rest of Our Lord's disciples dared to intrude themselves into this select company. These Apostles were the first Bishops of Christ's Church. When Jesus was about to ascend to Heaven, He sent these first bishops of His Church into the world to teach and to administer His Sacraments, saying: "Going, therefore, preach the gospel to every creature; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost—and, behold, I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world." Matt. XVIII, 20.

Back To Christ

The Apostles did just that. They preached and baptized, conferred the sacraments, offered the Holy Sacrifice, prayed and fasted. They made converts and established churches. Over these newly established churches they placed other bishops who were to be their successors. These bishops in turn consecrated others to succeed them: and so on down the line. The office of bishop carried with it not only jurisdiction over a particular territory, but also the spiritual power of the New Testament priesthood. The bishopric, therefore, had to be received from the Church through one who had the power to confer it; namely, another bishop. It could be conferred only by one who himself was a bishop. The conferring of the spiritual power of the priesthood by a bishop, or by several bishops acting in unison, is known as **Apostolic Succession.** Every priest and bishop in the Catholic Church can trace his spiritual power and authority through Apostolic Succession to the Apostles and to Christ.

Apostolic Succession is a key to the understanding of Christianity, because it deals with the principle of authority in the Church of Christ. Outside of the Catholic Church, the idea of Apostolic Succession has been almost completely lost. This accounts in large measure for the supreme confusion among the Protestant churches.

When Martin Luther broke with the Catholic, or the historic Christian Church, he had to have some basis for his new doctrines. He could not appeal to tradition, i.e., universal Christian belief, because his beliefs were new and unorthodox. He could not endorse his dogmas by the authority of his priesthood, because his authority as a

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Gospel Story

Prophets In Prison

BY ALBERTA SCHUMACHER

JESUS said in today's gospel—"But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet!" More than a prophet—and yet he was thrown into prison! All through the years the lesser prophets who have arisen since John have known prison bars of one kind or another. It seems the prophet is forever predestined to persecution. Just let a man live close to God and talk of things to come and his tormentors will come forth from the crowd.

The sensitive poet who sees his God in every minute detail of nature, who releases his inward tumult of feeling upon a scrap of paper, is too often laughed to scorn until after he is dead! Men erect iron bars of contempt for his work, men who are forgotten when the poet is remembered and revered. Poets and prophets — men of sorrow on this earth! Why? Why do we imprison those who tell us of truth? Why? Because we cannot stand truth! It strikes home! What they say hurts us! But let a would-be poet or prophet confine his prophecy to lukewarm mouthings that soothe men's sinful minds and act as opiates on unruly consciences. The poet or prophet who does this will be free on this earth even while he makes his own prison for the hereafter!

I wonder sometimes how different the world would be if it had listened to its prophets instead of going its disastrous, wilful way, fulfilling the dire prophecy of the prophets it scorned!

John was very dear to Jesus. "A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet!" He said of him. And yet John endured the greatest of sufferings while on this earth. He knew the humiliation of prison bars for his body even while his soul was as free as a bird's, this John beloved by Jesus. So fear not, prophets of this day who are scourged by men, nor feel yourselves alone. Earth's suffering is His mark of distinction upon you. You are His chosen ones!

And we who are not prophets must speak up for Jesus, unfearful of the earthly consequences. We as Catholics are joint heirs to the wisdom of the ages. With Holy Mother Church we must be apostles for the sake of those who have not as yet learned the prophecies of God. The prison bars of this day's ridicule and dislike are temporary, but the prison bars excluding those from heaven who deny Jesus before the world last throughout all eternity!

RAP For Entertainers

Bob Hope Found 'Barely Acceptable' By Students Conducting Radio Poll; Fibber McGee And Molly Found 'Highly Acceptable'

A COMEDIAN'S voice blared over the radio that night last spring at 8117 South Marshfield Ave., Chicago. He pulled a wisecrack that was fair. Then he pulled a few that, well, if you would say such things out loud at home or on a date, you'd be crude. The comedian started poking fun at such things as marriage and the happiness of the home. The laughs diminished, but the script was there and he kept on.

Having had enough, a high school senior girl snapped off the switch and turned to her Dad, sprawled out in his favorite chair.

"Something ought to be done about that fellow. Why, he's a comedian and he isn't even funny!"

An Idea Is Born

And so was born the germ of an idea that has developed into the Radio Acceptance Poll, which is actively operating every night of every week, listening, through thousands of pairs of ears, to radio comedy programs. The listener-critics are college students—Protestants, Jews, Catholics and nothings—who are sold on the job of keeping the air waves clean and decent. Before them as they listen is the familiar Radio Acceptance Poll score card. Parts of it says:

"This score card, when properly filled in, is to be handed to the Radio Acceptance Poll chairman of your college. He will mail it to poll headquarter at St. Joseph's of Indiana, Collegeville, Ind. All score cards should be mailed on Saturday night or Sunday."

"Listen carefully to all lines and base your scoring of each personality on this simple promise: 'Would a stranger be welcome in your home by all members of your family if he or she said the same thing as the radio performer is saying?'"

How They're Rated

The student pollsters then check comedians as to whether they are "Highly Acceptable," "Acceptable," "Barely Acceptable," "Unacceptable," or "Offensive." The composite of the marks given individual comedians is the mark earned by the program itself. A space for comments is provided, where students frequently tell specifically why certain performers came up with sour ratings.

St. Joseph's of Indiana, through the Rev. Joseph Scheuer, C.PP.S., of the faculty, and his live-wire staff of mailers, letter-writers, tabulators, cross-checkers and general, all-around helpers, engineer the Radio Acceptance Poll through the Press Commission of the National Federation of Catholic College Students. Cooperation in the poll, however, is not limited to Catholic colleges. A goodly number of state, non-denominational and Protestant institutions are enrolled among the 131 schools which have signified their intentions of backing the R.A.P. on their campuses.

R.A.P. got under way shortly after the beginning of school. The first week, 427 student ballots were tabulated, showing Jimmy Durante "Highly Acceptable" and Bob Hope "Barely Acceptable." The second week had 939 student listeners reporting Baby Snooks and Fibber McGee "Highly Acceptable." During the third week, with 1,010 student critics on the dialing line, Fibber McGee and Molly got the top rating. In the fourth week of the poll's operation, Baby Snooks, Burns and Allen, and the Fibber McGee and Molly programs all earned the "Highly Acceptable" rating, on the basis of 1,092 student critics. Last week, the fifth, Fibber McGee and Molly were the cleanest of the lot, according to 1,249 voters, and mighty funny, too, although R.A.P. confines itself purely to whether or not radio comedy programs are in good taste.

Hope Is Low Man

On the low end of the tabulation, Bob Hope has landed in the acceptability cellar with a "Barely Acceptable" rating four out of the five weeks. Two weeks ago Hope temporarily moved up three spaces, and the Jim Backus Show dropped into last place.

In the comments columns, pollsters pulled no punches when it came to telling why they think Bob Hope's program is low in acceptability. Here are a few:

"Wisecracks and jokes smuggy . . . Jessel kept bringing in Forever Amber, which is unacceptable in itself . . . dirty jokes . . . too suggestive for children or anybody . . . generally rotten . . . not even suitable for adults . . . crude . . . vulgar . . . demoralizing to womanhood . . . Jessel ridiculed marriage . . . silly . . . misleading and archaic jokes . . . could be cleaned up considerably . . . suggestive . . . Hope is a bit vulgar, Vera Vague is extremely unladylike, Jessel makes light of marriage, and Colonna's jokes were vulgar . . . too open . . . pretty shoddy."

Chairman of the student steering committee is Bill Lynch, or John W., to be serious, who is a graduate of Noll High in Hammond, Ind. Bill later served with the Navy in the Philippines. Bill and his henchmen worry about everything from wrapping paper (now in short supply) to the precise tabulation of poll ballots. He and his crew, all under Father Scheuer, are sold on the merits of the extra work they're doing. A worthy number of "big-name" writers, officials and commentators have been forming the habit of seeing what the weekly Radio Acceptance Poll Tabulation has to say, and have paid it tribute.

To Award Trophy

Right now Lynch is worrying about whether or not his R.A.P. chairmen on the cooperating campuses can keep enough listeners at their radios during Christmas holidays to keep tab on things.

There's more of a sting in the R.A.P. than meets the eye. When the fall, winter and spring radio series finishes, the students will award a trophy to the personality who most consistently violates good entertainment standards. The Radio Acceptance Poll initials, R-A-P, will be inscribed on the trophy thus awarded. It will be a "rap" for the program which the students by their poll designate as the most consistent violator of good taste standards.

A Grand Christmas Present For Your Friends

ONE of the biggest publication ventures of several decades is that undertaken by Anthony Cima, of the Cima Publishing Company, Inc., 7 E. 44th Street, New York 17, N. Y. This firm has published the first two among seventy-two volumes containing the complete works, in English, of *The Fathers of the Church*. A very high tribute has been paid to the quality of the translation which is so well done that works written in Latin and Greek, in their English rendition, are as readable as a modern novel. We would highly recommend the first two volumes to everyone who would like to purchase good books as a present for their pastor, or any other priest, for a professor at college or university, or for any person, in any community, who appreciates a library of good Catholic books.

The volumes cost $4.00 each, but we are authorized to offer the two volumes, for a Christmas present, for $7.00.

We hope that no reader will ever suspect that this paper will make any profit on this work so highly recommended. We would like merely to get a wider distribution for very valuable books, and to give encouragement to the man who launched this very formidable project. He is actually in need because a limited edition of a single volume, including his outlay to the expert translators, costs him $10,000.00. Volume III is all ready for the press. Mr. Cima had presumed that he would have the money for this volume from the sale of Volumes I and II, but they have not produced what they well deserve and what he had expected, despite the very excellent reviews which the first two volumes have had in the press. They are highly praised by the **New York Times**, by the Scripp-Howards papers, **Time** Magazine, and many sectarians journals, such as **The Christian Century** (undenominational); **The Christian Leader** (Universalist); **The Living Church** (Episcopalian); **The Christian Advocate** (Methodist). They also hold letters of praise from scholars and professors.

In order to expedite delivery before Christmas, we would recommend that you order the books from the Publisher and not from **Our Sunday Visitor**, but since we would be interested in knowing how many of our readers followed our suggestion, we would appreciate it if every one who orders the books from the publishers inform him that they read the notice in **Our Sunday Visitor**.

People who pay $3.00 for a novel should not hesitate to pay $3.50 for a beautifully bound volume with the writings of saintly men who lived in the Golden Era of Christianity. From the writings of these men alone it would be very easy to prove the claims of the Catholic Church. The works of St. Augustine will comprise twenty-two volumes. His works are started in Volume II. St. Augustine, a great scholar and a convert to the Church, is regarded as the most vigorous defender of Christian teaching and the most successful opponent of heresy since the time of St. Paul.

While we have recommended this work as a Christmas present to your friends, there is no good reason why thousands of our readers should not have the work, because the purchase of each volume, one by one, would not be any more costly than the purchase of any other book of equal size. But if you will order through **Our Sunday Visitor** or identify yourself as a reader of this paper, every volume will be sold to you at $3.50.

Quoting from the first volume of the Apostolic Fathers the editor of **Time** was impressed by a "Letter to Diogenes," whose translation appears in Volume I. The letter was written to a pagan who declared that the Christian group, growing rapidly, was not constituted of queer people. Note this paragraph:

> Christians are not different from the rest of men in nationality, speech or customs; they do not live in states of their own, nor do they use a special language, nor adopt a peculiar way of life Their teaching is not the kind of thing that could be discovered by the wisdom or reflection of mere active-minded men; indeed, they are not outstanding in human learning as others are . . . They live, each in his native land,—but as though they were not really at home there. They share in all duties like citizens and suffer all hardships like strangers. Every foreign land is for them a fatherland and every fatherland a foreign land . . . They dwell or earth, but they are citizens of heaven. They obey the laws that men make, but their lives are better than the laws. They love all men, but are persecuted by all . . .
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What Our Readers Think

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Relief Requested For India Mission

Editor:

The Most Reverend Louis L. R. Morrow, Bishop of Krishnagar, Bengal, India, is about to return to his Mission. In recognition of his relief activities during the famine, and his charitable work among several hundred orphans being educated in institutions under the care of the diocese, Bishop Morrow is granted exemption from all charges of freight and customs duties.

Bishop Morrow is making an appeal to the public for aid. If the people of our country could only see the conditions prevailing in Bengal, as many of our G.I.'s saw them, their hands would overflow with this greatly-needed aid.

Most welcome for Bishop Morrow's mission are: cheap light cloth, shirts and undershirts, linen, bedding, towels, canned food, medicine, soap, school supplies, books, religious articles, Church goods, vestments and altar linen.

On account of the very hot climate and characteristic manner of dressing, light cloth is preferable to ready-made clothes. All donations, if possible, should be well packed, and sent to

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Wants O.S.V. Sent To Legislators

Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Editor:

I have for some time entertained the thought of getting Our Sunday Visitor into the hands of every United States Senator and Congressman, and also perhaps into the hands of every State Senator and Representative. This of course would involve quite a financial burden for any one individual.

I am therefore passing on to you the following thought for what it may be worth to you. That Our Sunday Visitor begin a "Washington Subscription Fund" consisting of free will donations from its readers for the purpose of paying for a free subscription to **Our Sunday Visitor** for the President of the United States, for each United States Senator and Congressman and for each State Senator and Representative. The funds raised to be used at the discretion of **Our Sunday Visitor** as far as they will go for this purpose. I'm sure my fellow readers will support this plan.

Sincerely yours,
W. M. Gisler

(O. S. V. welcomes Mr. Gisler's suggestion and trusts its readers will support the plan.—Editor.)

Wants Help For Europe's Neediest

Editor:

Despite the food and supplies sent to Germany, and despite the help of Catholics as well as non-Catholic organizations, living conditions in Germany have not improved to any great degree. Articles of daily need, from needles to shoes, from hosier to soap, are extremely scarce; in some regions they are practically unobtainable.

In a particularly difficult situation are those who have only a comparatively small income and are dependent upon their salaries. These include scholars, intellectuals, teachers, the clergy, writers and other persons of the greatest importance for the reeducation of the German people, which obviously must be accomplished from within. Though they are reluctant to make their plight known, I am swamped by letters from deans, professors, priests, writers who need help—in many cases not for themselves but for their colleagues, friends, and acquaintances. The Dean of a well-known Catholic theological faculty, for instance, sent me a long list of names, some of whom are internationally known A few pounds of coffee or tea, of fat or of cheese are received with the greatest enthusiasm.

It is a grim witness of our times to read letters full of pathetic praise for CARE parcels written by men who formerly were surely not much concerned about food and cooking. Again and again I have noted that even well-known authors confess that they have not yet received any help from abroad.

I shall be glad to transmit parcels to the needy in Germany and other European countries. The various CARE parcels containing food or blankets or woolens each cost $10.00. Or I shall gladly send addresses for direct help, to those who ask for them.

Waldemar Gurian, Editor
The Review of Politics
Notre Dame, Indiana

Sent To Forget God But Stayed To Be A Priest

In 1792 a Russian prince sent his son to America to make him forget about religion. Seven years later he sent candlesticks and linens for the altar of his son's new church. The prince who was sent to forget had found his vocation in the New World.

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Bikini-Fatima—One Poses A Problem And The Other Provides The Answer

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supposed, in the process. At any rate, here was his solution. PEACE! How was it to be assured? Here he fumbled with a vague idea of Christ and of fellowship, and said that men would have to get back to Christ. That would be "the only way" a world-ending atomic war could be prevented.

Another Phenomenon Half Way Round The World

Less than twenty-four hours before that I had heard another speaker. This man had been at Fatima, in Portugal, half-way around the world from Bikini in the South Pacific. He was telling of another phenomenon. He had not seen it, but he was well acquainted with the force which had produced it, had seen the results, and had talked with one of those who had a leading role in the production of the wonder. This speaker was likewise not given to light wise-cracking. True, he was addressing a dignified evening meeting, but many a speaker likes to liven up such things with anecdotes and stories too. Not this man. Like the other speaker he was deadly serious. He too spoke as if he had seen another world. Neither did he use manuscripts or notes. He told of not a few observers watching this phenomenon, but of seventy thousand or more standing in the rain for hours.

The event had been scheduled, as to the exact hour and second, much like the Bikini tests. From here on in it struck me that the language of the two speakers was much the same, even though the object of their description was different, but not entirely of a different nature, as I shall soon show. At any rate, this speaker also used the terms "cataclysmic," "approaching the infinite" and "unreal." For as this crowd of seventy thousand stood in the rain looking up to the heavens and waiting for the event, it happened. As at Bikini it was heralded with a brilliant flash of light. The heavily laden rain clouds rolled back in indescribable majesty, revealing the sun. But the brilliance of the sun seemed to have been dulled. It was silvery as if in eclipse. Then it began to perform in sudden movements "outside all cosmic laws." It began to whirl violently and long shafts of colored light began to shoot off its surface like giant fireworks, a spinning wheel.

Seventy thousand people stood in terrible awe. A MIRACLE! Now the sun began to move toward earth, spinning and shooting huge sparks of color as it came. The crowd in fear grovelled in the mud. Then a few looked up. So did a few more until finally all were again turning their gaze upwards to the heavens. But all disturbance had ceased. The sun was back in its place. The sky was now clear where before it had been heavily over-cast. But one phenomenon had remained. Their clothing soaked by the rain was now dry. Suddenly the crowd broke up. People shouting "A Miracle! A Miracle!" began to make for their homes, some hundreds of miles away, to spread the news.

Truly a miracle had been wrought and in direct follow-up of the prediction of our Blessed Lady to three children of Fatima that she would work a miracle "that all might believe" she had appeared to them. For five months prior to this miracle she had been appearing to these youngsters, Lucia, Francesco and Jacinta, children of Fatima peasants. She had been making, through them, a request to the whole world that Catholics increase their devotion to the Rosary and Scapular and that they all stop offending Our Lord, "already too much offended." Finally on October 13, 1917, she worked this miracle in proof that she had appeared to the children and had made these requests. All of this the speaker reviewed for his audience.

But his conclusion was no fumbling, incomplete grappling with the idea of Christ and Peace. In straightforward language he made the point that the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima were timed to meet the onslaught of Atheistic Communism and the atomic bomb which the world fears Atheistic Communism will use. Did not Our Blessed Lady choose Portugal and Fatima as the site of her Apparitions? And was not Portugal, at the time, almost completely under the rule of Socialism—in reality Communism? And isn't it a fact that Portugal today has completely thrown off the yoke of Communism and without the shedding of a drop of blood? Therefore, Our Lady of Fatima is meant for the world. Through complying with her requests it is possible to stem the tide of Atheistic Communism and to make its waters wash harmlessly off the shores of Truth, Light and Peace.

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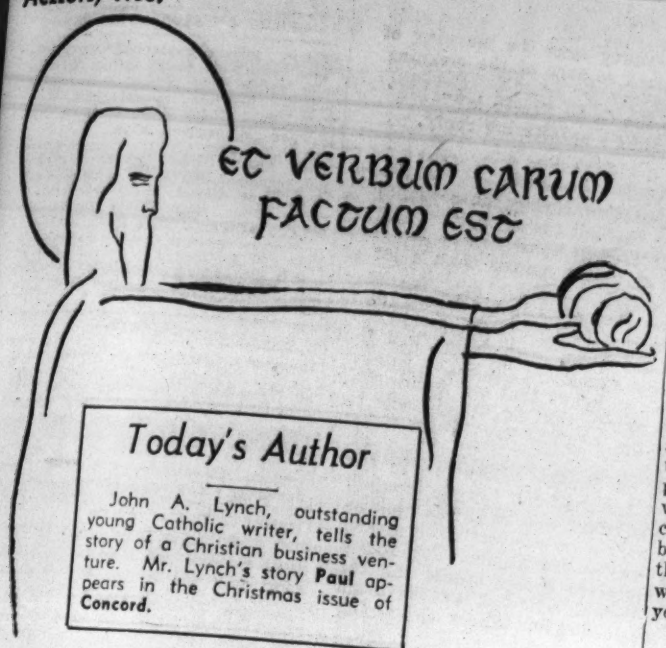

Today's Author

John A. Lynch, outstanding young Catholic writer, tells the story of a Christian business venture. Mr. Lynch's story **Paul** appears in the Christmas issue of **Concord.**

The Epic Of Berliner And Lanigan

WHEN you see the mark, "Berliner & Lanigan, Printers and Publishers, Nevada City, California," do not think of this firm as one of usual capacity. For, if you call on Harold Berliner, you may find that he is some twenty mountains away in the Sierras with the U.S. Forest Service, helping battle a stubborn forest fire. And, if you stop to see Joseph Lanigan, he may be deep in his study, surrounded by his books, or he may be in a small mountain fastness to the, north serving Mass for Father Virgil Gabrielli.

Between times, however, Berliner and Lanigan, thinkers and planners, and their several assistants, are putting forth some of the better printed material that comes from a thoroughly Christian press today.

They have ranged from a standard book, **The Reclamation of Independence,** by Dr. Willis D. Nutting of the faculty of the University of Notre Dame, through pamphlets and personal magazines for the Christian Brothers and Young Christian Students, to book marks, book plates, and an advanced set of Christian Christmas cards designed by a Sister of St. Joseph and by the students of the Studio Maria Virgo, St. Mary's College, Holy Cross, Ind.

Berliner and Lanigan do not pretend that printing and publishing of the above nature keeps them in board and lodging, or even pays the rent on their building, a combination print shop and five room house, upstairs. So to alleviate the press of bills and to satisfy the strenuous wants often connected with printing personally Christian material, they do job printing of any and all sorts. Included are political announcements, a school paper, letterheads and envelopes, account sheets, business cards, and whatever might be required of a print shop operating for the service of the community.

And just as their material of a precisely Christian nature has been promoted and accepted on a national scale, so too their job printing comprises work done for firms and individuals of many parts of the country.

Harold Berliner is from San Francisco and Joseph Lanigan from Newton, Massachusetts. Both attended the University of Notre Dame, Harold in the class of 1945, Joe in the class of 1944. They came to Nevada City with their vision and their promise in November, 1945. With them came Harold's grandmother, Mrs. Julia Semeria of San Francisco, to set up housekeeping. In January, 1946 they opened for business in a converted antique shop, their present location.

Their material assets at present include a linotype machine, two automatic presses, two hand presses, a paper cutter and 200 drawers of foundry type, much of it imported, at an earlier date, from Europe.

Other than the partners, the shop employs Miss Prisca Weber, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Grailville, Loveland, Ohio, as secretary; Leo Holub, San Francisco as typesetter and pressman; and Edwin Jackson, Nevada City, as linotype operator. Afternoons and Saturdays three Nevada City high school boys, Dan Gwilliam, Dick Noren and Roy Draper, fill in where needed.

Of their business aims Mr. Berliner has said: "We want to print any good thing, particularly things that are specifically Catholic. But also intelligent communications which are by nature in the economic or political order. And our intention is to print these things as well as they can be printed."

Explicitly Mr. Lanigan has written: "Christian art finds focus at that point where the Son Who is the Word, from all eternity in the secret deeps of God, was uttered into creation and history, taking upon Himself the form of a man that we men might become gods. It is a high calling of Christian art, itself a certain reassertion of the Word, to communicate, to make common, through things and signs, the glad tidings sung by the angels that night over Bethlehem.

"A printing press is a terribly powerful organ of the spirit; a publishing business by nature involves a spiritual community far wider than the circle of those who edit or print. We who run the presses and wrap the packages and answer the correspondence and confront the bills and who try to maintain through it all a certain ordering of work, sincerely need your help, your criticism and suggestions."

This quotation is taken from the "Christmas Cards" catalogue now being distributed.

The Seniors Look Forward

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be given in a different manner, as one adult to another.

It seems strange to be referred to as "adults," even though we are steadily climbing the ladder of adulthood. If only we make use of the accumulated knowledge of twelve years, we can be sure of success.

Faith is the candle of the world; hope, the flame; and charity, the torch. They are our stepping stones to peace, on earth and in eternity.

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BY URBAN KARL

THINGS were going fine on the planet earth. The rocket ships were running on schedule and the energy harnassed from the sun was supplying the inhabitants with all the energy they needed to run their machines. There was even talk of a new invention. The few people who were in the know of it knew it was called the "Atom Bomb." Oh, it would make great progress for civilization. Maybe it would drive back some of the oceans that now covered almost all of the earth's surface and left little land for the humans to live on.

Then one day the humans started fighting. And now instead of being used for good, this Atom Bomb was going to be used for war. Very soon, all that was left of the earth was a mass of green fused sand.

Somehow the earth got back on its feet again, but it had a hard struggle. Man had to learn everything all over again.

In 1945 A.D., there was a blinding flash on the deserts of New Mexico. It was the mighty Atom Bomb unleashing its power again. The sand of the desert was melted and turned to a green glass. Maybe man is learning too much again! Hmmmmm!

Happy School Days

BY C. L. RODGERS

The best years of our lives, by adults we're told
Are the years when in a classroom our pleasures enfold.
These days should be happy, joyous and gay
With Mary as patron, guiding the way.
For when we're released of this world of sin
Our troubles and trials shall really begin.
Now we have homework; silence, after the bell
But this is all training to live our lives well.
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The Catholic School Combats Social Evils

BY MARIE HAAG

WHAT is the greatest social evil of today? Without even thinking twice, everyone will agree that divorce outruns all others. Hand in hand with divorce goes its direct result, broken homes.

What do Catholic Schools do to help this tragic situation? The answer is simply this: they provide sound religious training from the moment a student enrolls in a Catholic School to the moment he leaves.

To provide this special religious training, Catholic parents gladly maintain Catholic Schools. They must pay double taxes—to the state and to their own Catholic schools. Wise in the ways of Religion, they know that the proper training now can go a long way in the future.

There are many aspects to this religious education, but the chief element is, of course, the worthy reception of the sacraments. As has been said a thousand times before, grace is obtained from the sacraments through the merits of Jesus Christ. Grace may be compared to a bank that never runs out of funds. Likewise, people in the world can never use up all the grace that God has merited for them.

With that idea uppermost in their minds, Catholic Priests, Nuns, and Brothers encourage frequent reception of the sacraments. They know that by receiving the sacraments, students are building a spiritual castle for themselves; a castle that may falter but never crumble; a castle that may waver in the trials of life but never topple over; and finally, a castle that will endure forever.

The foundation of that castle is Baptism. Baptism must be administered if heaven is to be attained. Then too, it also offers membership in God's Kingdom on earth and a claim to all the merits and fruits of the Mystical Body of Christ.

With the foundation firmly laid, the rest of the castle must be built and this is accomplished with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Jesus Christ in the form of Bread gives Catholic students the guidance they need to remain an unbeatable team.

The gigantic wall around the castle signifies the sacrament of Confirmation. It represents strength, courage, and fearlessness. When the sacrament of Confirmation is in act, the battles of life will have a hard time trying to penetrate that wall.

The turrents and towers that reach up, up, into the azure sky are symbolic to the sacrament of Matrimony. For what else is so noble as bringing children into this world so that they may give adoration and glory to the God Who created them? That is the primary purpose of marriage, although many people today refuse to accept it as such.

Those turrets and towers represent high ideals; ideals that are realized and respected by every Catholic High School student. Matrimony is sacred and it should be treated in that manner. Individuals of their own free will cannot marry one, then another. God gave them a free will, yes, but not to misuse. The bond of marriage can be broken only by death. There are duties that both husband and wife must perform. Catholic students understand all these things. In addition, they know that a nation is only as good as its homes and therefore, they want to do everything in their power to make their future homes good ones.

How can the right partner be chosen? Prayer, the use of prudence, acceptance of advice from parents, all are aids to choosing the right partner.

Divorce is an ugly word that Catholic students hope and pray will never have to be used in connection with them.

Catholic education takes in the whole of human life. It develops the physical and spiritual, the moral and intellectual, the domestic and social talents of the individual.

St. George High School, Pittsburg, Pa., Editors

Pictured are students of St. George High School, Pittsburgh, Pa., who planned and edited the copy for this page. They are, left to right: Dorothy Josefick, Urban Karl, Marie Haag, Victoria Fries and Dorothy Wintill, who were directed by Sister M. de Chantal. The Rev. Joseph A. Doerr is pastor of St. George Parish of which the high school is a part. The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis form the faculty for the grade and high school of the parish. The history of the parish is woven around the remarkable career of the Rev. Stephen J. Schramm, who served his people for fifty years.

Dedication

BY DOROTHY WINTILL

WHERE can we find adequate words to give expression to the deep love the students of St. George's have for Mary, the Mother of God? Oh, that our hearts had voices! Then could we make known our dependence on the never-failing intercession of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

We, here at St. George's, take this opportunity to honor publicly our Lady by dedicating this page to her with a humble prayer that she may see fit to watch over and guide us on the road to holiness. Most of all, may she bless and protect our teachers and parents, who have so capably started us on that rocky road to sainthood by proving to us that saints are made—not born.

All honor and praise to Mary, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

Athlete Talks With God

BY CHARLES GIBSON

DEAR GOD:

Help me to be a sport in this little game of life. I don't ask for any place in the line up; play me where you need me. I only ask for the stuff to give You a hundred per cent of what I've got. If all the hard drives come my way, I thank you for the compliment. Help me to remember that you won't let anything come that You and I together can't handle. And, help me to take the bad breaks as part of the game. Help make me thankful for them.

And, God, help me always to play on the square, no matter what the other players do. Help me to come clean. Help me to see that often the best part of the game is helping other guys. Help me to be a "regular fellow" with the other players. And, God, if fate or any misfortunes should come my way, help me always to take part in the game. Help me never to make up excuses or to say that I had a raw deal. And when the final bell rings, I'd only like to know that you feel I've been a good kid.

Finally, God, help me never to get astray, keep me in your protection. And if ever in trouble, keep me on the 'up and up' and, God, I want to thank you for everything that I have received in the past or anything that I may get in the future, because I know everything comes from You, my God.

Time To Declare Your Spiritual War

BY DOROTHY WINTILL

NOW is the time for you to declare war! Yes, you must fight to overcome your greatest enemy—yourself! By that I mean all the undesirable traits which are naturally yours as a human being—those that tend to make you prize the temporal above the spiritual. Thus, we might say that love of self is the enemy who must be conquered in our so-called war. And, desperately employing every means to overcome self-love, we have our love of God. Terrific battles rage constantly! Your Motto should be "killed or be killed"—either you conquer your weaknesses and human frailities or they may conquer the love of God in you and result in the death of your immortal soul. We can't! We won't! We must not let that happen!

Here are a number of safeguards of which you ought to make use:

A soldier must be physically fit at all times—as a soldier of God, you must pray very often to be prepared for your battles against iniquity.

Obey your Commander-in-Chief and those appointed by Him—obey the Commandments laid down by God and those of the Church.

Now, let us see how the soldier serves his country in time of war; this can be compared to the love of God in actual conflict with love of self—a spiritual war.

The price of victory is dear—the suffering is becoming unbearable; a sense of despair permeates your being. Are you doomed to failure? Do you feel it impossible to conquer yourself, since you are continually being fired upon by temptations? Buck up, soldier—all is not lost.

Where there are trials, there is also God's mercy. No, God has not forgotten you—see there, He has sent reinforcements; God has granted you additional graces to persevere. Your allies, the saints, in heaven, have made this possible.

A Commander so kind, so good, would never forsake you. Your worldly life is little enough to give for His great cause—the redemption of mankind. And give that life you must, for true love of God demands nothing less than unconditional surrender to God's will. And once you have died to the world and live only for God, you shall have a blessed eternal peace.

The Seniors Look Forward

BY MARIE HAAG

DID you ever feel as though you were on the brink of a chasm, ready to plunge downward into the darkness? If so, then you might understand how we, the Senior Class of 1948, feel.

We're akin to a flock of lambs not quite ready to be called sheep. In just a year from now, most of us will be wending our way through the struggles of life. And, for the major part, the decisions in our lives will rest with us. Yes, there will always be advice and guidance from others, but it will

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What Can We Do To Stop It?

BY VICTORIA FRIES

WHAT can we, high school students do to prevent another war? We've got political leaders on whom we depend to take care of our affairs. We don't have to bother about those things.

Many of our young students hold this point of view, but what we forget is that some day, and some day soon, we will be the neucleus of this great nation of ours, we will be the important people, not just "the younger generation," which has nothing to say.

But, are we capable of assuming this responsibility? We must be! It is our duty to be prepared for this job. We, not only as Americans, but also as Catholics, must learn about and understand current events and world affairs. This understanding is necessary in order that when we are the people doing the voting, we will know just what moves to make.

The scissors of World War II have cut the world into a giant "jig-saw puzzle." The end of the war does not in turn mean that the pieces will automatically fall together. It will be up to us, the future rulers of America, to put the pieces back in order again. It will be our job to iron out the wrinkles in this "face-lifting" of Europe. Now is the time to heat up our irons. We can not, we must not, wait until it is too late to prevent another war.

Feast Of The Immaculate Conception

BY DOROTHY JOSEFICK

IN the story of our first parents, we read that God said at Satan: "I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel." Gen. III: 15.

Centuries later, the woman who was to crush the head of Satan was born. She is the Blessed Virgin Mary. From the first moment of her existence, God preserved her from the stain of original sin. He did so because He had chosen her to be the Mother of His Divine Son. This act of God in keeping her soul free from original sin is called her Immaculate Conception. Mary's conception and life were Immaculate because she was to be the living chalice out of which Jesus was to take His Body. The imitation of Mary is a sign of eternal salvation. We love Mary because through her, Jesus saved us from our downward trend and led us back to God.

The Sixth Provincial Council of Baltimore chose Mary in her Immaculate Conception as the principal Patron of the United States. Because Mary Immaculate is our patron we should be more close to her than any other country. We Americans should honor Mary because Mary holds our future in the palms of her hands.

School Spirit

BY JOHN REDIC

SO much has been written about school spirit, and yet how many people, even students, really understand it?

Some believe it to be the cheers heard at a football or basketball game; pennants flown high or school songs loudly sung. But is this really the true concept, the correct interpretation?

School spirit, like Americanism, is something that you feel within you, but can't quite explain—a conviction in your heart.

But although you can't define school spirit, you know when it is present. It is the praise you give your school; the willingness to help your school get ahead. It's giving, not getting—a spirit of heart to give freely of your loyalty, time, and enthusiasm.

To make an appeal to students to "show school spirit" is ineffectual. The only way to acquire school spirit is to sit down and add up the many advantages, the happy memories, the pleasant associations—and then to do something about it. How about you!

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Bikini-Fatima—One Poses A Problem And The Other Provides The Answer

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What happened in Portugal can happen to the world.

One Had A Problem, The Other The Answer

Listening to the two lectures within a short space of hours and from men who had never seen and very probably had never heard of one another was a striking experience. Both were impressed beyond words with the display of power that had come to their knowledge. Both were convinced that what they had seen and heard could change the face of the earth. Both marvelled at a tremendous flash of light of unearthly brilliance and at the ensuing setting aside of anything that ever had been seen in nature before. Both men were deadly serious and concerned not at all with selling themselves to their hearers, but rather to get the significance of their subject across to their listeners. Both were convinced that unless mankind, and all mankind, awakened to what had happened, then mankind was doomed.

But where one had a problem the other had the answer. Where one struggled weakly to bring the spiritual into its long neglected setting, the other spoke directly and familiarly of God and Christ and His Blessed Mother. Where one was concerned deeply and fearful for the future because he saw no answer to atomic fury, the other was enthusiastic in his knowledge of possession of something just as atomic as the atom bomb, yes, the super-atomic Might of Our Lady of Light. Where one was staring hypnotized at the deadly menacingly writhing serpent of Communism, the other was directing all men to gaze upward into the ravishing beauty of her who had already crushed the head of that serpent long ago. Where Bikini confounded the one, Fatima made all things plain to the other.

The Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima is geared for our times. It sought out Portugal, one of the headquarters of Communism even as Christianity sought out Rome, one of the early headquarters of Paganism. The Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima has accepted the challenge of Communism and regards it as a means to win the world for Christ.

Thirty years ago a man stood in the rain at Fatima. He was one of many—a communist with orders to jeer and ridicule the silly crowd of "pigs" who were waiting for a miracle. Since that day, October 13, 1917, he has not missed a single yearly celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. But he doesn't return year after year to jeer. No, you will find him among the children and others who are decorating the lovely statue with flowers before it is carried in procession.

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This year the Feast is being observed with especial emphasis. December 8th marks the 100 Anniversary of the Dedication of our beloved country to Our Lady in Her Immaculate Conception by the Bishops of the United States. It is fitting therefore, that the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is to be used in the celebration of this great feast and anniversary and is actually going to be taken around the country for exhibition in diffierent localities. It is hoped that the attention of all U. S. Catholics will be focused once again on the importance of the Mother of God and her part in the protection of all of her children from both spiritual and temporal harm, and in particular, Communism.

Catholics from all over the country have been interested in the completion of the National Shrine to Mary Immaculate in Washington, D. C. Their donations have been most generous and this writer, for His Excellency, the Most Reverend John F. Noll, D.D., Episcopal Chairman for the Drive to complete the Shrine, wishes to thank and compliment all who have contributed thus far for the Shrine. Others will want to make their contributions. They can either wait until the collection is taken up in their parish church or send their contribution to Bishop Noll, **Our Sunday Visitor**, Huntington, Indiana.

This is the year to pledge our loyalty anew to Our Blessed Lady. Increased devotion to her through the Rosary, the Scapular and living good Catholics lives will be our main bulwark between the onrush of Communism and future peace.

world, so surely and so thoroughly will this National Shrine remind the faithful of the influence the Mother of Christ should be having on Catholic hearts in this country.

We are living in the midst of creature comforts such as no nation has ever had the good fortune to possess. The United States has arrived at that point in a country's history to which other nations have come—a point of luxury, of licentiousness and of lust. It must be confronted with a strength of soul and ruggedness of character.

The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception — a votive offering on the part of devoted clients of Mary in the United States—will always serve as a reminder that if the last one hundred years have been blessed years for us in the United States through the intercession of the Mother of Christ, the future years in this atomic age will be less an occasion of fear and dread if, through the gentle influence of the Mother of Christ, we keep here in our midst her Son, Who once before overcame the world.

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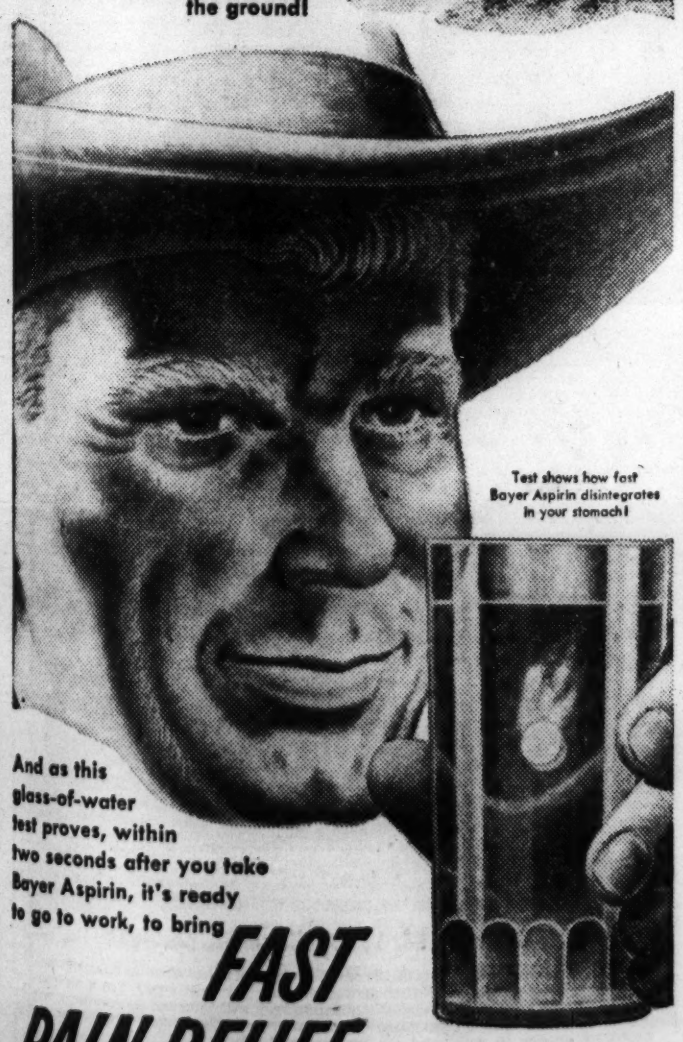

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Confusion Called Serious Handicap

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which its fruits may be applied to the individual. If mankind did not fall through Adam, then the Incarnation and Redemption lose all their significance.

If Christ was not God, how could He have been a "necessary mediator between God and man"?

If the Bible is no authority in matters of faith, then why is it so used? If the "Church is indispensable," we wonder how it can be so if it is not divinely founded, divinely guided, and if God is not with it.

Security of belief is found today only in the Catholic Church.

Mary Immaculate U. S. Patroness For 100 Years

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of London, all of them shrines built to honor the Mother of Christ.

Our shrine will not have their years. Its ornamental stone will not be gray with age or ivy-crowned with time. It would not be well if that were so; for this edifice is to be symbolic of youth, of freshness and of vigor—to be symbolic of devotion to Mary in this land.

The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception—this is not merely a name or an empty thought. As surely as, from dome and campanile, its shadows will be flung over the seat of government of the most powerful nation in the

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SPORTSCASTING

By Jim Costin

THE annual Football Review number of the Notre Dame Scholastic, weekly student publication, will go to press in a few days. It will contain an account of every game played this year by Notre Dame, with action pictures, interviews, sketches, etc., and will be an interesting souvenir of the past season for all you Notre Dame football fans. Its cost is 50 cents per copy. Address your orders to Football Review, Main Building, Notre Dame, Ind. Please, please, do NOT send your orders to me.

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Canisius . . .

Canisius College had a highly successful season on the football field this year, capped by undisputed possession of the Little Three championship, which it clinched when it soundly defeated Niagara, 27-0, after having defeated the other Big Three member, St. Bonaventure, by 17-14 earlier in the season. Canisius and Niagara have now met 22 times on the gridiron, with Canisius winner 11 times, Niagara eight and three ending in ties. In fact, the first game of football ever played by Canisius was against Niagara in 1918.

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Loras . . .

And a great big bow to an old friend, Wally Fromhart, whose Loras College team of Dubuque, Ia., went through the season unbeaten and untied. Loras' narrowest escape came in its game of Nov. 2 with St. Thomas college, which was nosed out by only 20-19 in one of those battles decided by points after touchdown. Loras made two out of three and St. Thomas only one out of three, hence the one-point victory for the Iowa eleven. Another team which scared Fromhart's eleven was St. Norbert's, which fought it out to the finish before losing by 6-0. Other victims of Loras in its all-winning campaign were South Dakota State, 28-0; Luther, 27-0; St. Ambrose, 20-6; Illinois Normal, 20-7; St. Mary's, 32-12; Winona Teachers, 32-7, and St. Joseph's, Rensselaer, Ind., 21-6.

An enthusiastic alumnus of Loras sent this department the following tribute to its new head coach:

"Keep your eyes on Wally Fromhart, former Notre Dame quarterback who has led Loras College to the championship of the newly-formed Catholic college 'Midlands Athletic Conference.' Wally, in his first year at the helm of the Dubuque grid machine, emulated in great style the past records of former Notre Dame stars who coached at the Iowa school, and went from there into the 'big time.' Such notables as Gus Dorais, Eddie Anderson, Elmer Layden and Johnny Niemiec started their coaching days at the Dubuque school.

"Fromhart, after an excellent record at Mount Carmel High School in Chicago, brought the Duhawks through to nine straight victories in his first college venture, and his team wound up as one of the few unbeaten and untied teams in the country. His conference victories were scored over St. Ambrose, St. Norbert, St. Mary, St. Thomas and St. Joseph teams. Fromhart's assistant this year was Leo Kopshaver, who starred at Leo High School, Chicago, before the war."

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St. Louis . . .

John J. Dowling, a reader of St. Louis, writes that a friend of his recently had his three young sons at their grandmother's for Sunday dinner in that city. After the meal was finished, they were discussing items in Our Sunday Visitor of that day, and the father quoted from a poem which had appeared on the sport page:

"And when the Great Scorer comes to write your name,
It isn't whether you won or lost,
But how you played the game."

The father then explained to his young sons the meaning of those lines, and when young Mike seemed so sure of the meaning, his father asked him:

"Yes, Mike, but do you know who the Great Scorer is?"

"Why, Notre Dame," was young Mike's unfaltering reply.

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Rochester . . .

Rochester, N.Y., maintained its reputation during the season just closed of being one of the hottest prep football towns in the country. Practically all the town's interest is centered in Coach Harry Wright's Aquinas High School team, which draws better crowds than a lot of college teams.

Aquinas played before 125,000 cash customers in six home games this year, and the Rochester papers said that at least 60,000 would have seen the final game between Aquinas and Boys Town, Nebr., had that many seats been available for sale. That game was played on Sunday, Nov. 9, and the demand for tickets was so heavy that one fellow from Cleveland advertised in the Rochester papers that he would trade two Army-Notre Dame tickets for two of the Aquinas-Boys Town tickets. There were no takers.

Aquinas plays its home games on Sunday afternoons in the stadium of the Red Wings, the city's International League baseball team. It charges $1.50 per ticket and offers were made as high as $15 for seats for the Boys Town game, yet no one would sell at any price. Two weeks before the game was played Aquinas authorities announced that they had already received 35,000 orders for the 20,000 available seats, while Coach Wright, who has nothing to do with the ticket sale, personally received 2,300 letters containing money for tickets for his team's final game.

Being flooded with mail orders was nothing to what the school authorities ran into via telephone. Thousands of telephone calls were received at the school the first three days the tickets went on sale, and practically every call was a plea for tickets. One of Rochester's largest downtown department stores, which ordinarily acts as a downtown ticket office, refused to open its doors on the Monday before the game was played, fearing injury because of the great crush of football fans waiting outside.

Besides Boys Town, Aquinas during the course of the season played Detroit Catholic Central, Cathedral Prep of Erie, St. Mary's of Niagara Falls, St. Joseph's and Canisius Prep of Buffalo, Christian Brothers Academy of Syracuse and St. James of Port Arthur, Tex., which defeated Aquinas by a score of 38-32. Both of the teams were so strong offensively that they scored almost every time they got the ball, but the Texans scored one more touchdown than did their hosts. St. James punted only twice, Aquinas once, but Aquinas fumbled the second Texas punt, the visitors recovered and scored the deciding touchdown late in the game.

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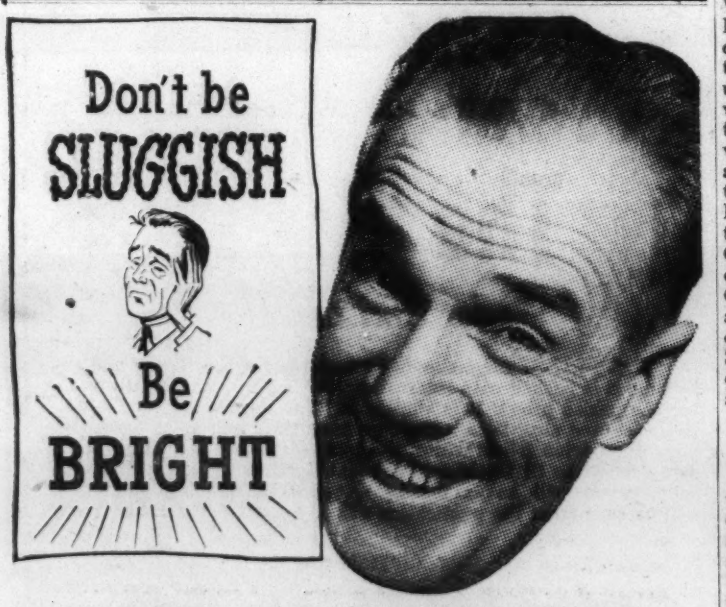
Don Allen and Dick Barton, Camp Lejeune, N.C.—Notre Dame and Rutgers have met once on the football field, in 1921. The game was played at Rutgers and Notre Dame won, 48-0.



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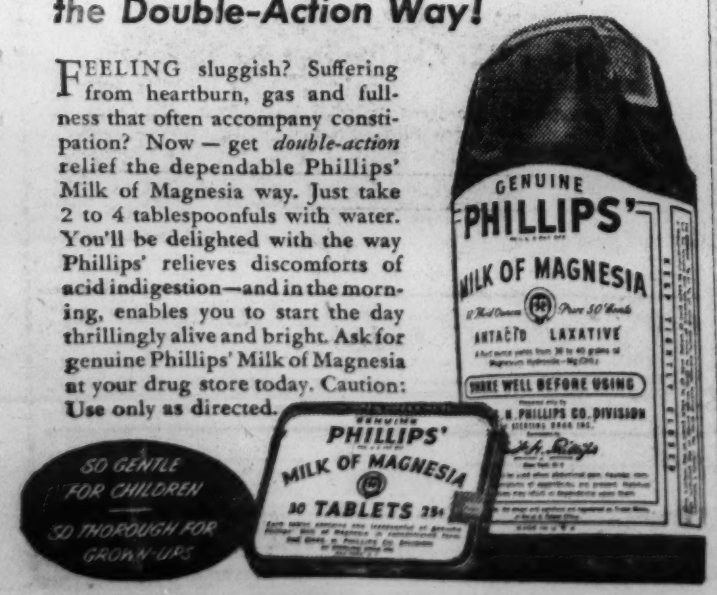

The Philosophic Mind

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priest of Christ had been withdrawn by the Church. Therefore he said, "I take the Scriptures as my authority."

Martin Luther evidently lacked the philosophic mind, because if he had understood the general principle of the transmission of authority, he could never have made such a claim. The Scriptures as historical documents, or as the Inspired Word of God, would have given to Luther as an individual the right to certain beliefs, if it could be shown that the Scriptures had been thus understood and interpreted by universal and constant belief of Christians throughout the centuries, and were thus understood by the Church at the time in which he lived; but the Scriptures could not give to Luther, or to anyone else the right to call himself a priest of the Church, an ambassador of Christ, or to speak for Christ and His Church, once his authority as an ambassador of Christ had been recalled, anymore than the United States Constitution can give to you or to me the right to call ourselves ambassadors of this nation.

Whence Authority?

To us, as Americans, or, in fact, to any rational person, the principle of authority by which ambassadors are appointed to foreign countries, seems quite natural and obvious. Such an appointment must come from the supreme head of the nation. A constitution, no matter how perfect it may be, cannot make an appointment for some particular work. You or I can go into another land and argue from the United States Constitution in favor of certain measures, but we cannot say that the United States Constitution has given us the right to represent the American people or the United States Government. If our ambassador is recalled by the government, he can still use the Constitution as a basis for an opinion, but he no longer can claim that he speaks officially for this nation.

As I have said, the idea of Apostolic Succession has practically been lost in the Protestant churches. Not having it themselves, they had no reason to recall it. Yet losing it, they also lost one of the key ideas to the understanding of Christianity. Chaos in ecclesiastical jurisdiction and religious thought has been the inevitable result. Readers of the Bible have felt themselves justified in presenting their own religious theories to the world, and, when others do not agree with them, in setting up their own churches for the salvation of mankind. The fact that they and their followers might be a mere handful, as compared to the hundreds of millions of traditional Christians; the fact that no one had ever heard of such teachings before although there certainly have been Christians in the world ever since the days of Christ and the Apostles, means nothing at all to the Protestant evangelists who follow Martin Luther's fundamental principle and make the Bible their sole rule of faith.

Be Objective

I was quite interested last Saturday morning when looking over the list of church notices for Sunday in my home town paper of Rochester, N. Y., to note the number of Protestant sects, many of which I had never so much as heard of before. This division of Protestantism, which will go on without end till there are no Protestant churches left, is the result not only of following Luther's subjective and false approach to the study of Christianity, but also of losing such key ideas to the objective understanding of Christianity as tradition and apostolic succession.

It is strange how intelligent and often well educated men can see nothing inconsistent in their line of reasoning in one matter, when they themselves would consider the same line of reasoning very illogical in other matters. I refer to the matter of the Bible giving a person the right to pose as an ambassador of Christ and of His Church, when, as all will readily admit, the United States Constitution does not give anyone the right to act as an ambassador for this nation unless he is duly appointed to that office.

Catholics when discussing religion with their Protestant friends, should try to create an objective approach to the subject by starting with the notions of Tradition, which I described last week, and Apostolic Succession. Christian beliefs and Christian authority must both come from Christ in unbroken succession from generation to generation.

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Family Life

Catholic Woman's Interests

Letters : Books

By Mary E. McGill

A Veteran Writes About His Combat Rosary

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He informs that prior to the War he seldom recited the Rosary. But during the fearful days in Anzio, and elsewhere, he inaugurated what he called his "Combat Rosary," and since that time has never ceased offering this particular prayer combat daily.

"I make a special plea to my fellow veterans of World War II and World War I, also, to remember to pray the Rosary every day.

Sincerely yours in Mary,
A Veteran."

December 8—First of Our Immaculate Mother

A Veteran's letter, with its appeal, comes appropriately before the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, which feast will be observed tomorrow, and it is a holyday of obligation. The Immaculate Mother of God is also Patron of the United States. Well may all of us, Veterans of all wars included, invoke her protection of our homes, of our family life, and of our beloved land. Enemies insidiously attack her children and lay snares that would destroy the peace of a country which has given freedom of religion to its citizens, and full opportunity for Christianity to spread. In this our day, and in these perilous times, "O, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us."

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A Barrage Of Letters On 'Permanents'

WHEN I discussed the subject of "Permanents"—even every man reader knows reference is here made to artificial curls made to encircle perhaps 75% of all American girls' and women's heads—I did not anticipate a deluge of letters on the subject. But there has been a barrage! An overwhelming majority defend "Permanents." It would be fun to quote each one. In fairness, it should be stated these letters have chiefly good points and suggestions. Also, they were thoughtfully written and would prove both entertaining and instructive. Most of them contained at least one dig at the men!

Only one woman wrote that I let my sex down in that now much discussed article of August 24th. She was a beauty operator. But I openly challenge her to prove I injured her business, for I told the Gals to go ahead and make themselves beautiful and pleasing to their husbands, to their "prospective ones," to their families, and to their friends, if they could afford to so adorn themselves, and desired to do so.

One woman, in particular, and several others, not so impressively, discussed the subject from a wholly spiritual angle. These thought the money devoted to beautification should be diverted to feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. These also felt that the admonitions of the Blessed Mother at Fatima and her call to prayer and sanctity to save a sinful world would best be heeded by less feeding of vanity and a wiser spending of money.

But as I have indicated, practically all who wrote cling to their curls. In passing, may I express amazement over ringlets holding their curl during the eight weeks of humidity and excessive heat that enveloped our nation this summer. That they did so hold is the best advertisement possible of the skill of modern beauty operators.

Why Not A Special Gift To Yourself

Have you thought seriously of giving yourself a Christmas gift? I know a woman who walked all over the shopping district of a big city one Christmas looking for a certain type of mirror which she desired for her dressing table. She had waited for years for someone to give it to her, but without results. Amid slush and drenched with soft snow she entered, without hope, a little shop which contained an assortment of many things, all in disorder. There she found her mirror! Maybe it was second-hand, but it showed no scars. She held her treasure firmly. From her spacious shopping bag she drew white tissue paper, after she had paid the price asked for the mirror. Blushingly she confided to the proprietor, as she wrapped the mirror: "A gift for myself, to be tied with gold tinsel. See!" The man smiled in understanding. Over his counter he had seen many strange longings satisfied!

The story may sound foolish. Or does it? Anyway, aren't we all a bit foolish at times? Maybe you right now have a sharp yearning which you have long denied. It could be it is a longing for something that will help your mind, cheer your heart, and fill with interest hours of leisure. It may be that you have been counting the weeks until you could see your way clear to joining a Book Club. Hit the nail on the head, did I?

This is the season for enjoyment of home fires and for reading. Nothing more cozy than good books, especially in the winter evenings. Why not give yourself a thrill that will last through wind and snow and carry you over into the close of the year 1948, by joining a book club as a Christmas gift to yourself? **The Catholic Literary Foundation, Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin,** has a Catholic book club that will answer your need. You might ask them about their plan.

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Oh, what a black and white Christmas it is possible to have between book covers! Long ago I knew a fine man, now dead, who found great entertainment and an enlarged vocabulary, together with a wide increase of knowledge, through time spent in turning the pages of a lexicon. But there is more to it in studying a Catholic dictionary . . . One learns Catholic truths and the meanings of Catholic practices, and so on.

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Bishop Noll, Provincial, Heard; K. C. 4th Degree Escort In Procession

Fort Wayne—Thanksgiving Day chosen with singular appropriateness on which to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Most Precious Blood church of which the Rev. Sebastian J. Kremer, C.PP.S., is pastor, was the occasion of one of the most notable observances in the half century history of the parish. Besides the secular prelates the priests, Precious Blood Fathers, mainly from Indiana and Ohio, participated in the inspiring services. A congregation that exceeded seating capacity of the spacious church, which was resplendent in its refrescoing and new furnishings, was in attendance.

The Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. John Francis Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, the sermons for the occasion, the outstanding musical program with accompaniment on the newly installed electronic organ, orchestral accompaniment by the Central Catholic High school 9 piece band and trumpeters, the rendition of Pietro A. Yon's inspiring, "Missa Regina Pacis," by an adult choir of 30 voices under direction of Mrs. Edward S. Keller, organist; the Fourth degree escort of the Knights of Columbus headed by the color bearers in an imposing procession to and from the church, the appropriate decoration of Church and rectory; the finely appointed jubilee banquet in the school auditorium, all combined in a program that was eminently fitting for the anniversary.

Both Bishop Noll and the new Provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood, the V. Rev. Seraphim W. Oberhauser, C.PP.S., formerly of Fort Wayne, and whose headquarters are at St. Charles' Seminary, Carthagena, O., were speakers for the occasion "With this Pontifical Mass," said Fr. Oberhauser, this parish pauses to give thanks to Almighty God for the blessings received during the past fifty years. It is also fitting to remember the priests who have labored among you and have gone to their reward, as also those who are living, in appreciation of what they have done for the benefit of your souls. The pioneer patishioners should not be forgotten, they have a right to your prayers. Some of the pioneers are still among the living and they may well look back with pride on what has been accomplished. Our Bishop in his personal zeal in praying for the Church and defending the Faith, must rejoice with apostolic pride as he recognizes what has been accomplished here."

Bishop Noll's message following the Pontifical Mass was not only one of felicitation, but the prelate also surveyed the growth of the Church from the days of the Apostles and while speaking on "Church Architecture," used as examples the great churches of the world, several of which he has visited. "I wish to congratulate the present pastor, Father Kremer and his assistants, and the other pastors who preceded him and others, on this occasion," said His Excellency. "Fr. Oberhauser told you how the living and deceased members have benefitted by this church. Those no longer in our midst know what this parish was to them. They can attribute their salvation to this parish church and are grateful for all eternity."

Besides the Precious Blood Fathers serving as officers of the Mass, others of the Community who were guests for the occasion included: the former pastor, the Rev. Aloys Dirksen, C.PP.S., Professor of Sacred Scripture at the University of Notre Dame; the Rev. Anthony Meyer, C.PP.S., pastor, St. Anthony's, Fort Recovery, O.; the Rev. William Meyer, C.PP.S., Newark, O.; the Rev. Christian Staab, C.PP.S., professor of Science, St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer; the Rev. Marcellus Foltz, C.PP.S., editor of "The Messenger," Carthagena, O.; the Rev. Norbert Missler, C.PP.S., assistant, Sergeants' church, Columbus, O.; the Rev. Charles Gates, C.PP.S., assistant, St. John's church, Glandorf, O., and the Rev. Hubert Greb, C.PP.S., chaplain at Kneipp Springs, Rome City. The Rev. Chrysostom Mohr, C.PP.S., former pastor, whose health is impaired, is under medical care at the Springs and was unable to attend.

Bishop Noll, on the post prandial program, recalled attending the dedication of the first church. Monsignori and priests were heard, Fr. Kremer responding. A congratulatory telegram from the new mayor-elect Henry E. Branning, Jr., was read at the dinner.

Special Services

In extension of the golden jubilee observance which began Thanksgiving day at Most Precious Blood church, the pastor, Fr. Kremer, assisted by the Rev. Robert Wuest, C.PP.S., and the Rev. Stanley Meiring, C.PP.S., celebrated a solemn Requiem Mass at 9 a.m. Monday for deceased servicemen of both World Wars, deceased members and benefactors in the parish.

Saturday morning at 8 o'clock the pastor was assisted by the Rev. Charles Froelich, C.PP.S., and Fr. Meiring in the celebration of a Solemn Mass for all living and deceased pastors and assistants and for the increase of religious vocations.

Precious Blood Golden Jubilee Observed

Seated in the sanctuary of the newly frescoed Most Precious Blood Church, Fort Wayne, of which the Rev. Sebastian J. Kremer, C.PP.S., is pastor, are the officers of the Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated Thanksgiving morning at 10 o'clock by the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, on the throne at the left. Close to the Communion rail is the arch-priest, the Rev. Alexander Linneman, C.PP.S., pastor of St. Francis Church, Cranberry, O., a son of the parish. To the right and left of Bishop Noll are his deacons of honor. The Rev. Sylvester Ley, C.PP.S., a professor at St. Joseph College, Rensselaer; and the Rev. Joseph Till, assistant at St. Peter's Church, city, both from Precious Blood. Immediately facing the Bishop in the Sanctuary were, the Rev. Walter J. Junk, C.PP.S., of Hamilton, O., and the Rev. Richard Dirksen, C.PP.S., of Minster, O., who served respectively as deacon and subdeacon of the Mass. The V. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Feltes and the Rev. Robert Wuest, C.PP.S., were masters of ceremonies. Facing the altar in the foregrounds are three of the monsignori, Msgr. Feltes, diocesan chancellor; the V. Rev. Henry A. Hoerstman of St. Andrew's and the V. Rev. John A. Bapst of St. Peter's Church. Minor officers were filled by the young men in the rear on the left of the altar.—Courtesy-Journal Gazette-Staff Photo.

Forty Hours Closed At Hessen Cassel

Hessen Cassel—Solemn closing of Forty Hours devotion at St. Joseph's church, Hessen Cassel of which the Rev. Richard Gollner is pastor, were held Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 o'clock. Twenty-eight of the clergy, the majority from Fort Wayne, assisted at the services, a capacity congregation attending. The Rev. James P. Conrow, associate editor of **Our Sunday Visitor**, Huntington, who conducted the devotion, closed his series of sermons speaking on "The Mercy of God." The Rev. Edward Hession, senior assistant at St. Patrick's, Fort Wayne, opened the services with the Litany of the Sacred Heart. The Rev. Thomas Durkin, pastor of the new Sacred Heart parish, Fort Wayne, was celebrant; the Rev. John Frawley and the Rev. Donald J. Muldoon, served respectively as deacon and subdeacon; the Rev. James O'Connor, chanted and Fr. Gollner master of ceremonies.

Sister Rose Ann Buried At Victory-Noll

Huntington—Funeral services for Sister Rose Anne McBride of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Victory, who died Friday, Nov. 28 after a protracted illness, were held at the Motherhouse Chapel Monday morning at nine o'clock.

Celebrant of the Solemn Requiem High Mass was the Rev. James P. Conroy, Chaplain; the Rev. Ambrose De Groote, O.F.M. Cap., deacon and the Rev. Solanus Casey, O.F.M., Cap., subdeacon. A number of the local clergy was in attendance as were the immediate relatives of the deceased. Burial was in Victory Noll Cemetery.

Sister Rose Anne McBride was thirty four years of age and had been a member of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Victory for fifteen years. She had spent ten years of active labor in various missionary centers of the Community. Surviving are the Mother, Rose McBride, Thomas, a brother, and five sisters, Mrs. Paul Loeb, Mrs. Chester Paluch, Catherine, Regina and Patricia McBride, all of Chicago. Her father and one brother are deceased.

Theatre Guild To Stage Barry's 'The Joyous Season'

A scene from a rehearsal of "The Joyous Season" by Philip Barry, to be produced on December 8, 9 and 10, by the Catholic Theatre Guild of the St. Joseph Valley, at St. Patrick's School Hall, 308 South Scott Street, South Bend. The players, from left to right are: Robert Donahue, Mrs. Dennis Molloy, Mrs. James A. McCarthy, John McKeon, Mrs. C. Robert Egry, Miss Theresa Miller, Robert Connolly, and Mrs. John B. McGrath. Miss Jane Simon, assistant director, is seated directing the rehearsal.

Theatre Guild To Produce First Play Dec. 8, 9, 10

Outstanding Amateur Actors In St. Joseph Valley To Assay Roles

South Bend, Ind.—Some of the outstanding amateur actors of this area will participate in "The Joyous Season," famous three-act Christmas play by Philip Barry, to be presented by the new Catholic Theatre Guild of the St. Joseph Valley, starting on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, at St. Patrick's School Hall, 308 South Scott Street, South Bend.

"The Joyous Season," which had a long Broadway run several years ago, will be the Guild's first public play. The production will have a three day run, December 8, 9 and 10, starting at 8:30 p. m. each evening.

Considered one of Barry's finest plays, "The Joyous Season" deals with the marriage, financial, religious, political and other problems of the Farley family, who live in the exclusive Beacon Hills section of Boston, and how these problems were settled. The scene is laid on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The lead role of Mother Christine Farley, a religious, will be played by Mrs. C. Robert Egry, wife of Dr. Egry of the University of Notre Dame. She will be supported by a splendid cast which includes Mrs. John B. McGrath, Mrs. Dennis Molloy, Mrs. James A. McCarthy, Miss Rose Marie Buzolitz, Mrs. Theresa Miller, John McKeon, Fred Kronewitter, Robert Donahue and Robert Connolly. All are veteran actors.

Guest director for the play is Mrs. Isabel M. Doyle, formerly of the Catholic University Players and the Blackfriars Guild, both of Washington, D. C., and the Mummers of Chicago. She is being assisted by Miss Jane Simon, a teacher at St. Mary's Academy, South Bend.

The technical staff is headed by Councilman William E. Richarson of South Bend, Mrs. Virginia Wilhelmson, of Mishawaka, formerly of the Stanford University theatre; J. A. Pederson of South Bend, and Professor Robert Homann of the University of Notre Dame. Others who are assisting include Dale Francis, house manager; Robert W. O'Connor, Assistant Production Director; Burnett Bauer, Acting Business Manager; Donald Hickey, acting assistant Business Manager; and John V. Hinkle, Acting Publicity Director.

Patrons for the 1947-48 season of the Guild, which plans to produce three other full-length plays this Winter and Spring, include city officials, business men, lawyers, doctors, and other well-known persons in South Bend, Mishawaka, Granger and other places in the St. Joseph Valley, and deans and professors from the University of Notre Dame. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Sabo, Dean of the Clergy of South Bend, has endorsed the Guild and is supporting its first production, together with pastors and their assistants in this area.

Tickets for "The Joyous Season" are priced at ninety cents each for reserved seats and sixty cents each for general admission. They may be purchased at the magazine stands of the Oliver and LaSalle Hotels; the Copp Music Shop, 124 East Wayne Street; Elbel Brothers Music Store, 234 North Michigan; Kunkel's Music Shop, 121 South Main Street (Mishawaka), the Aquinas Library and Book Shop, 110 East LaSalle Street, the Notre Dame Book Store, and at the door at each performance.

New Members To Be Received At Triduum

Fort Wayne—Incident to the observance of the triduum in honor of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 6-7-8 at St. Jude's church, there will be evening services on Saturday at 7:30 o'clock; Sunday at 2:30 p. m. and on Monday, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p. m. At the solemn closing, there will also be a reception of new members into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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Washington Letter

Reasons Cited For Break With Spain Fit Russia Best

Would 'Lincoln Brigade' Be Willing To Have Same Penalties Given Soviets?

BY J. J. GILBERT

Washington, Dec. 1.—The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade are at it again. They are inserting large newspaper advertisements urging American citizens to write to Secretary of State Marshall demanding that this country break off diplomatic and commercial relations with Spain.

The charges which these advertisements level against General Franco's regime are strikingly applicable to Soviet Russia. Since the charges fit so well, one wonders whether these "premature anti-fascists," as they describe themselves, would be willing to have the same penalties applied to the masters of the Kremlin.

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade want the United States to sever political and commercial ties with Spain because, they say, the Franco regime today harbors thousands of nazi war criminals. No doubt, there are some Germans in Spain, but how many it would be difficult, if not impossible, for anybody outside of official Spain to say. Whether all of these Germans are war criminals, is something else again. It seems likely that some of them are. It is quite possible, though, that most of them would not meet the specifications of that indictment, properly interpreted.

On the other hand, it is well known that there are hundreds of thousands, even millions, of Germans in Soviet Russia. It may be objected that they are prisoners of war. Those in Spain undoubtedly could claim to be refugees. Of those Germans in Russia, who outnumber those in Spain a hundred, a thousand, or maybe even a hundred thousand, to one, many of them—and among these former highly placed officials—have openly avowed the cause of Russia, if we are to believe the Russian broadcasts. There seems to be little doubt that they have. It is generally accepted that Russia has trained a considerable body of former German leaders to go back into Germany at the opportune moment, and do Russia's bidding. There is no evidence that Franco is training any of the Germans in Spain to go back and take over their country in his name.

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade bring up as their second point the assertion that German atomic scientists are now working in Spain. That, in itself, is a deceptive statement. Reading it hurriedly, one leaps to the conclusion that German scientists are in Spain working on an atom bomb. Actually, it does not say that. It simply says atomic scientists are presently working in Spain. There are dozens of such scientists everywhere, the United States included, who are thoroughly engrossed in the problems of nuclear fission, but not at all actively interested in an atomic bomb.

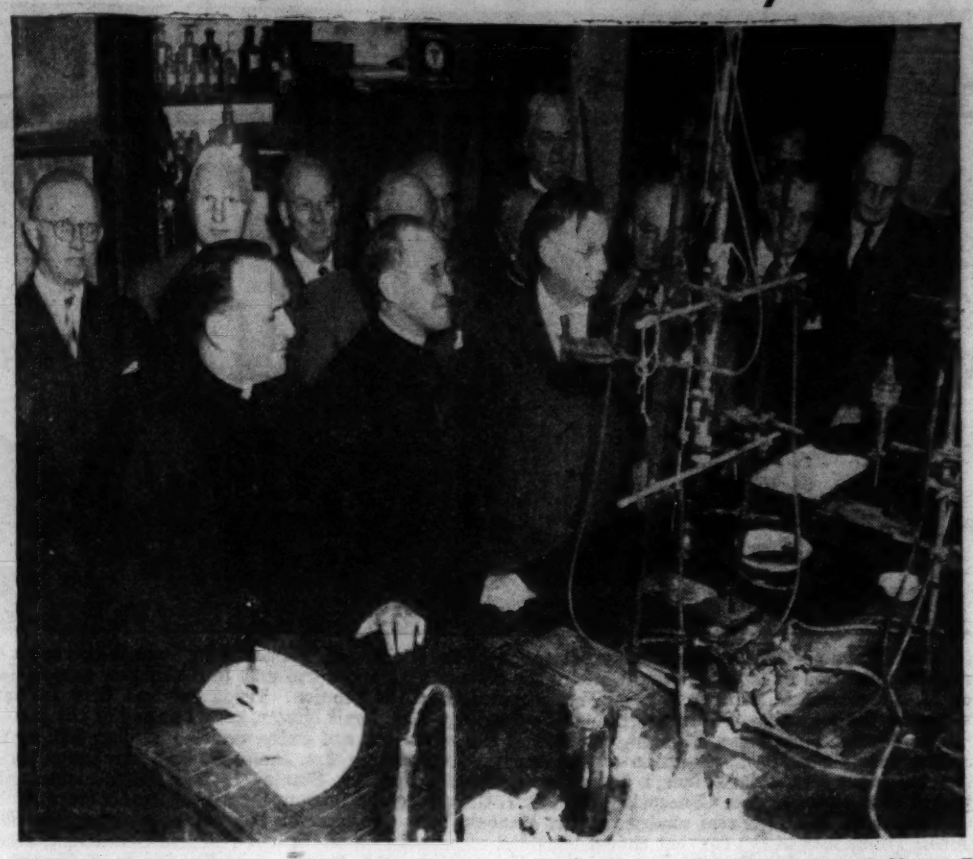
At the same time, it is universally accepted that Russia has taken a considerable staff of German nuclear physicists into the impenetrable vastnesses of Russia, by persuasion and otherwise, and that they undoubtedly are working feverishly at the attempted production of the atomic bomb. As a matter of fact, communist propagandists in Russia and abroad, including the United States, would have one believe that the German atomic scientists working in Russia for Stalin have actually produced an atomic bomb for him.

The third reason why the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade want the United States to help isolate Spain is, they contend, the American security and world peace are menaced by the continued existence of the "Axis fascist regime" of Franco Spain. That there is still an "axis" will be news to Generals Eisenhower and MacArthur, as well as to the GI's of all degrees who fought in Europe and in Asia. That Spain constitutes a recognizable threat to the security of the United States has been considered and rejected by competent and responsible American leaders. To hear that Spain is a menace to world peace will be heard as a bitter joke by the peoples of the Baltic States, Hungary, Austria, Czechoslovakia and other places in Eastern Europe. It will be heard with considerable surprise by the peoples of Western Europe and the United States. Perhaps the light on the horizon is Portugal, Spain's next-door neighbor, sending up distress rockets.

No, there is a threat to world peace today. In fact, there is an obstacle to world peace. It is Soviet Russia.

If the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade are serious in wanting the United States Government to help isolate another country for the reasons they cite, they should urge that it isolate Soviet Russia first of all.

Inspect Nieuwland Laboratory



Members of the advisory council for science and engineering at the University of Notre Dame, completing their two-day fall meeting on the campus, inspect the chemical laboratory where the late Rev. Julius A. Nieuwland, C.S.C., discovered the basic formula for what is now synthetic rubber.

Left to right, rear, are Leland Stanford, New, president of the Sinclair Oil Company; William H. Harris, New York, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph company; William P. Feeley, Chicago, president of the Great Lakes Dredge & Dock company; Britton I. Budd, Chicago, president of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois; Edgar Kobak, New York, president of the Mutual Broadcasting company; Rev. Thomas A. Steiner, C.S. C., provincial of the Congregation of Holy Cross; Bradley Dewey, Cambridge, Mass., president of the Dewey & Almy Chemical company; Rev. James J. Sheehan, C. S. C., graduate student of the department of chemistry, and Lee Gary, New York, board consultant.

Left to right, front, are Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C. S. C., Notre Dame president; Rev. Philip S. Moore, C. S. C., dean of the graduate school; William Calcott, Wilmington, Del., assistant director of the organic division du Pont company; Thomas W. Pangborn, Hagerstown, Md., president of the Pangborn corporation; Arthur J. Schmitt, Cicero, Ill., president of the Phenolic corporation, and Earl C. Smith, Cleveland, O., chief metallurgist of the Republic Steel corporation.—South Bend Tribune Photo.

Aurora Bans 'Forever Amber'; Showings Continue In Milwaukee

Aurora, Ill., Dec. 1 —(NC)— The showing of "Forever Amber," the movie condemned by the National Legion of Decency, was cancelled in this city by William T. Langdon, resident manager for the Great States-Publix Theaters, in response to protests from Catholic and non-Catholic groups.

"We do not want to go against the wishes of many of our patrons by giving entertainment they do not want," Mr. Langdon said. "We are cancelling exhibition of 'Forever Amber' to cooperate with Catholic priests, the Aurora Ministerial Association, Parent-Teacher groups and schools who have asked that it not be displayed here."

Milwaukee, Dec. 1 — (NC) — The movie "Forever Amber," placed in Class "C" by the National Legion of Decency, has moved into three neighborhood theaters operated by a chain in this city, having already been shown at the chain's downtown theater. The Catholic Herald Citizen, archdiocesan newspaper, commenting on the situation, reminded its readers that the Legion of Decency pledges includes a promise not only to avoid Class "C" pictures but also to stay away from theaters which show them.

Manchester Diocese To Be Sponsor For Industrial Conference

Manchester, N. H., Nov. 28.—(NC)—In sounding the call for a two-day Catholic conference on industrial problems to be held here beginning December 9, Bishop Matthew F. Brady of Manchester told a group of 200 clerical and lay leaders that the solutions to the problems of management and labor are moral solutions.

"The Church has not only a right but a duty to enter into problems of justice," Bishop Brady said. "The forthcoming conference will present the opportunity for the presentation of both sides of industrial problems and we cannot ignore the basic moral principles of justice and charity which are so necessary in settling all disputes and differences."

Requiescant

Mrs. Elizabeth Ley

Fort Wayne — Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Ley, 94, pioneer of Fort Wayne, and a charter member of Most Precious Blood church were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock, the Rev. Sylvester Ley, C.PP.S., a professor at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, a son of the deceased, celebrating the Requiem High Mass. Mrs. Ley died at Sacred Heart Home for the Aged in Avilla, at 6:30 a.m., Friday. She had formerly resided at 2659 Wells street. Mrs. Ley was a member of the Precious Blood parish Rosary society.

Surviving are two daughters: Miss Dorothy Ley, Fort Wayne and Sr. Mary Olympia, C.PP.S., Cloverdale, O., three sons, Clement and Edward, Fort Wayne, and Fr. Ley. The latter and Sr. Olympia who came for the parish Golden jubilee on Thanksgiving day also visited their mother. The body was brought to Fort Wayne and taken to the D. O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home where services were held Monday at 9:30 a.m. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

August Langerick, 66, St. Mary, Decatur. Sr. M. Redepta, Sr. M. Eymardine, of the Sisters of Holy Cross, South Bend, are daughters of the deceased.

Mrs. Anna Pax, 84, Immaculate Conception church, Celina, O.

Mrs. Gertrude Rose Miller, 79, St. Joseph, Garrett.

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Mrs. Mary C. Voirol, 76, St. Louis, Bonneron.

Miss Barbara Ann Alter, 19, Evanston, Ill.

Mrs. Goldie F. Snyder, 61, St. Andrew, Fort Wayne.

Gerald Voirol, two-months, St. Louis, Bonneron.

WHEN ARMY MEETS NOTRE DAME

Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame, greets Brigadier General Burdette Fitch, Deputy Director of Personnel Procurement of the Department of Army (left) and Major General Maxwell Taylor, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, West Point, during their recent visit to the campus of Notre Dame. (NC Photos)

Prayer Only Hope For Success Of Big Four Meet

Catholics In Britain Pessimistic As Leaders Meet For Conference

London, Dec. 1.—(By Cable)—With atom bombs just around the corner and the fate of 100,000,000 civilized human beings at stake, the greatest but ultimate trump card—prayer—appeared the only hope left for Christians as the Big Four Foreign Ministers resumed their gloomy wranglings in London.

Catholic opinion here was pessimistic. This time, however, it went much further.

As Europe is today, it felt no lasting agreement was within the realm of human possibility between four men, f whom one was the official envoy of a materialistic regime based on a philosophy hostile to every spiritual belief of the other three. Any temporary, unexpected but plausible agreement would, Catholics felt, be a mere political move, a subtle maneuver of Molotov—as all Soviet moves are now erroneously described—or a desperate Western effort to keep open the door of peace.

No one in London, Catholic or otherwise, felt that the purpose of this conference—peace treaties for Germany and Austria—possible of fulfilment, whatever supplementary stopgaps were agreed upon.

Twelve nicely placed atom bombs would, it is estimated, wipe out Europe and bring back the "Dark Ages." That is the unhappy ultimate alternative to failure in the London talks. That is why the call has gone out in the Catholic press today: PRAY FOR PEACE. The Catholic Times says: "Humanly speaking there does not seem to be hope of the conference reaching any kind of agreement. Humanly speaking there is no more hope of agreement in three months than in three years. It is the spirit of enlightened good will that is now needed in the counsels of nations. Pray God that it may be there. Pray for peace."

Similarly, the Catholic Herald joins in with a request to all of the Big Four to open their deliberations with an Act of Contrition for having accepted and still retaining the barbaric conviction that the victor has the right utterly to destroy the vanquished. "We fought the war (after the first month) in the same spirit. Heaven preserve us from an impossible peace in accordance with it." The world today has forgotten the old Christian preaching that all men are sinners. "The first business of the Big Four or of such of them as have any good will left is quite simply an Act of Contrition on our behalf," the Herald adds.

A number of Catholics are attending the London talks, as they have others, but this drew no comment here, as these same persons in the past made no apparent Catholic impression. The best known is Georges Bidault. The British have the advice of Lord Pakenham, a man who tried while minister in charge of British Germany to implement Christian preachings.

Ten-Week Labor School Organized Dec. 1 In Columbus

Columbus, Dec. 1 — (NC) — A new labor school, sponsored by the Columbus diocesan Social Action Department, will open on December 9 in St. Joseph's Cathedral School, it has been announced by the Rev. Augustine Winkler, director of the department.

Organized to teach working people the Church's doctrine on social questions, the school will operate each Tuesday night for ten weeks. Three classes will be conducted each school night. One class will teach the doctrines of the Encyclicals Rerum Novarum and Quadragesimo Anno; another will combine public speaking and parliamentary law, and the third will embody the study of present-day labor and social problems.

Cast For CYO Little Theatre Play Announced

South Bend, Ind.—The cast of "Little Women," a play in three acts by John D. Ravold, which will be produced by the C.Y.O. Little Theatre of St. Joseph church, South Bend, on December 14 and 16, was announced this week by Mrs. Elizabeth J. Hinkel, guest director of the play.

Those who will appear in the production are: Richard Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Armstrong, a student at Central Catholic High School; Miss Mary Denise Egry, daughter of Professor and Mrs. C. Robert Egry, a student at St. Joseph's Academy; Robert DeGraff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oreal A. DeGraff, a student at Central Catholic; Miss Mary Dooley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Dooley, St. Joseph's Academy; and Eugene Gizzi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luigi Gizzi, Central Catholic.

Also: Miss Mary Jo Haley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Haley, a student at St. Mary's Academy; Thomas F. Hammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hammer, Central Catholic; Miss Dolores Lohmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Lohmann, St. Mary's Academy; Miss Jane McCarthy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. McCarthy, St. Mary's Academy; and Miss Tish McCarthy, daughter of Dean and Mrs. James E. McCarthy, St. Mary's Academy. Miss Nellie Weigand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Weigand, a student at St. Joseph's Academy, has been appointed stage manager by Mrs. Hinkel.

"Little Women" is based on the famous novel by that name of Louisa M. Alcott. It is one of the best-known and best-liked dramas in the American theatre.

Besides two public performances at 8:30 p. m. on Sunday, December 14, and Tuesday, December 16, it is also planned to stage a dress rehearsal for grade school children at 2:30 p. m., Saturday, December 13, and a second dress rehearsal for sisters and other religious at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, December 14. The play will be presented at the St. Joseph Parish Auditorium, at the corner of Hill Street and East Colfax Avenue, South Bend.

Reburial Service For Pfc. Parrot Held

Fort Wayne—The Rev. Charles Seeberger, pastor of St. Joseph's church officiating, re-burial services for Pfc. Thomas Parrot were held recently at the Mungovan Funeral Home. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery. Pfc. Parrot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Parrot, 2335 Indian Village boulevard, was wounded October 20, 1944, while serving in Holland and died a day later. He was a member of St. Joseph's church. St. Joseph's parishioners visited the funeral home for prayers.

St. John Drama Club Views Play

Whiting—As a climax to a festive Thanksgiving, thirty-five members of the St. John Drama Club of Whiting, Indiana, journeyed to the Civic Theatre in Chicago, to see the Stage presentation of John I. McGiver's hilarious comedy, "All Gaul Is Divided." A few of those attending this performance had seen the premier of the play at the National Catholic Theatre Conference in Washington, D.C. last July. Club members are looking forward to a report on the contrast of the two productions at the next meeting Monday, December 8th.

Sodality Reception At Close Of Novena

Fort Wayne — Reception of eighth grade graduates of Cathedral grade school into the Blessed Virgin sodality will be a feature of the solemn closing of the Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception at the Cathedral on Monday night, December 8 at 7:30 o'clock. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Dapp, rector will officiate, services concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

'Champs' Display Diocesan Football Trophy

Pictured is the St. Matthew of South Bend grade school football team which recently won the Diocesan Championship by edging past St. Mary of East Chicago 20-13 on Noll field, Hammond. In the upper left are Coach Paul Copeland, the Rev. Joseph J. Hennes, Diocesan CYO Director, Monroeville; the Rev. William Voors, assistant at St. Matthew, South Bend; co-captions R. Mackey and T. Krause and Coach Gene White.

On The Shelf

Catholic Lending Library
Calhoun at Jefferson
Fort Wayne
(Entrance on Jefferson)

Do you like to turn to a good book after the cares of the day, yet not necessarily a long one? If this is your case, these two books were made to order for you!

"Eskimo Parish"—Paul O'Connor, S.J. The author of this well-written and fast moving book is not only a priest but also doctor and loving friend to the Innuit Eskimos—so far North in Alaska that the Artic Circle is to the South of them. With an Eskimo boy in command of his Malemute team, consisting of Banjo, Ukulele, Saxophone, Monkey, Pepper, Scotty, Mzok and Stick-in-the-Mud, with Berry at the lead spot, Father O'Connor carries on the work of the men of Ignatious. In a period of 60 years, from one log cabin, 20 x 30 feet, have sprung over 50 mission centers at the cost of incalculble effort and sacrifice.

Of the Eskimo women he writes: "Not many American women, I presume, would change places with her lowly Innuit sister. I might remark, however, that the lady clothed in fur has no worries, no wrinkles, no nervous disorders with their consequent tonics and pills, no gray hairs until they are properly becoming. In spite of her life of hardship and cold, she is happy and contented."

We can learn much from the Eskimo—even from one old native's philosophy — "White, he funny. Me, no think too much; me do, but me happy."

Profusely illustrated, this book promises an interesting evening.

"Out of Many Waters"—Marie Cecilia Buehole. Told in autobiographical manner this fictionized life of Erna Rothchild and her family is an inspiring and gripping adventure story.

Erna's girlhood, as the daughter of an eminent Freiburg University professor, was idyllic. Her marriage to Walter Rothschild, head of the International Publishing House in Berlin, brought prosperous years. World War II with its anti-Semitic terror loosed untold suffering, climaxed by the family's escape to Switzerland and their ultimate flight to America—the land of peace and freedom.

This narrative is wholly true and serves as a requiem for the Germany of old.

Library hours—Every afternoon 2 until 5.

Tuesday and Thursday evening 6:30 to 8:00.

Orphan Guild Plans Christmas Party At St. Vincent's Villa

Fort Wayne—Two social events planned by the Catholic Orphan Guild of which Mrs. Joseph Junk, Jr., is president, include the traditional pot-luck supper and Christmas party, with a gift exchange for the members to be held at 6:30 p. m. Friday Dec. 12 in the Council room of the Knights of Columbus home and the Christmas party for the children at St. Vincent's Villa auditorium at 7:30 p. m. Friday, December 19.

It is urged that the gifts for the orphans be brought to the Knights of Columbus home no later than Dec. 12 or taken to the home of Mrs. Clarence Freiburger, 1512 Lake avenue. From both centers they will be taken to the Villa. Those attending the potluck supper are requested to bring a covered dish and their own table service.

The gifts purchased for the children at the Villa are those asked for in Christmas letters distributed to the Guild membership. They total 220. The twenty-four Poor Handmaids at St. Vincent's will each be remembered by the Guild also the Rev. William M. Faber, chaplain. Anthony J. Offerle will preside at the mammoth gaily decorated Christmas tree provided for the orphans and as Father Faber, reads the roster of names, gifts will be distributed. Each child will also receive, a pound of candy, box of cracker jack, and fruit.

Father Conroy Gives Retreat At Marmion

Aurora—The Rev. James P. Conroy, associate editor of **Our Sunday Visitor**, gave the annual retreat for 500 Cadets at Marmion Military Academy, here, Dec. 3 to 5. Father Conroy's theme for the three day conference was "Responsibility to God."

Aquinas Library and Book Shop Notes

South Bend — Christmas gifts that emphasize the first Christmas that give lasting joy and spiritual uplift to the recipient are available at the Book Shop.

A fine selection of Christmas cards depicting the religious significance of Christmas can be seen. There are Catholic Art Calendars with a prayer for each month and also leather bound Liturgical Desk calendars.

Call at the Book Shop if your Christmas list includes Catholic books, novels, breviaries, missals, rosaries, medals, children's books, prayer books and religious pictures. Good books for all ages and groups are here. You are invited to stop at the Book Shop, 110 East LaSalle avenue to see this display of religious articles.

CYO Recollection Day Slated Dec. 7

Fort Wayne — Announcement was made in the city's churches on Sunday, Nov. 30 that the annual day of Recollection of the City Sr. Catholic Youth Organization will be observed on Sunday, December 7 at St. Patrick's church. The Rev. Eugene Zimmerman, of the Cathedral, CYO moderator, is in general charge of arrangements. He urges the attendance not only of members of the CYO but of all eligible young people.

The Rev. James Quinn, Kokomo, editor of the Lafayette edition of **Our Sunday Visitor**, will conduct the spiritual exercises.

Leahy Interviews Stars

Coach Frank Leahy, right, interviews Quarterback Johnny Lujack, left, and tackle, Capt. George Connor, on the "Leahy of Notre Dame" program heard weekly over WSBT, The Tribune's broadcasting station. Lujack and Connor will be making their final appearance for the Irish, December 6 at Los Angeles.—South Bend Tribune Photo.

Alerding House Sets December Youth Activities

Gary—The Gary-Alerding Settlement House youths are all geared up for activities befitting the seasons of Advent and winter.

Weekly Juke Box dances will be discontinued during Advent. In their place, volley ball will be played from 8-10 p. m., while the regular general recreation will continue as it is. The three House toboggans are all waxed up for the Sunday afternoon toboggan parties, which will take place every Sunday afternoon, providing the snow holds out and the weather permits. Youths interested should call the House secretary for particulars, telephone 2-7539.

Plans are underway to install a back-board and basket in the gymnasium for the Gas House boys suffering from the Hoosier madness—basketball.

First of the activities for December is a roller skating party Tuesday, December 9 at the Crystal Rink in Hobart. Complete cost of skating and bus fare is only 75c. Bus will leave Gas House at 7 p. m. This is one of those activities for everyone—youths both in and out of school. The chairman of this skating party is John Krieter, one of the school youths from the House who is one of the skating fans.

The remainder of the Gas House activities are as follows:

Thursday and Friday, December 18, 19—Hanging of Greens;

Sunday, December 21—Mexican Social;

Tuesday, December 23—Daytime party for kiddies; evening party for youths.

St. Joseph's Ushers Plan Athletic Fete

Fort Wayne—The Ushers club of St. Joseph's church, of which the Rev. Charles Seeberger is pastor, will sponsor a father-son dinner at 6:30 p. m. Sunday, December 14, in the parish auditorium to honor the grade school football team and to report on a drive for athletic funds which closed recently. Members of the grade school team are to be honor guests.

Fr. Seeberger assisted by the Rev. James E. Hayes will officiate at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, December 9, at the reception of new members into the Rosary society, services concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Nocturnal Vigil, Services, Meeting St. John's Listed

Fort Wayne—St. John the Baptist parish Holy Name Society will conduct its pre-First Friday, monthly Nocturnal Vigil, beginning in the church at 8 p. m. Thursday, continuing throughout the night. The Rev. Leo A. Pursley, pastor, will celebrate High Mass at 8 a. m. Friday, followed by benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. There will be special prayers in observance of the triduum in honor of the Immaculate Conception after the Masses on Saturday, Dec. 6, Sunday afternoon and on Monday, Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Announcement is made of the Rosary society's December meeting and election of officers to be held Sunday, at 2:30 p. m., in the Community room of the school. Mrs. Everett Smutte, president, will conduct the meeting which will be addressed by Fr. Pursley. Mrs. Pauline Laughlin is chairman of the nominating committee.

Parishioners Personally Build Home Of Pastor

Dubuque, Dec. 1—(NC)—Members of the 70 families in St. John's parish, Delhi, with a population of 400, are rushing to complete a rectory for the Rev. Vincent Hoverman, a World War II chaplain who has been named first resident pastor of St. John's. To date, more than 2,000 man hours of labor have been contributed to the project by members of the church and friends, and they hope to have the new building completed by Christmas for Father Hoverman.